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**Media Advisory #5:
Hurricane Ivan Airport & Airline Update**

Released: Sept. 12, 2004, 6:40 p.m.

Lee County Port Authority offices will be open tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. Port Authority employees should report to work as usual.

With large numbers of local residents departing due to the impending storm, parking is at a premium at Southwest Florida International Airport. Departing passengers are

encouraged to take a taxi or public transportation or get a ride from a friend or family member.

As of 6:00 p.m. tonight, the only new information reported by airlines operating at Southwest Florida International Airport is as follows:

- **AirTran** -- Will now operate one flight on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. Travelers should contact the airline directly for specifics.

As a reminder, the following cancellations were previously announced:

- **USA3000** -- Combining morning and evening flights Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. Travelers should contact the airline directly for specifics. (per Media Advisory #4)
- **Cape Air** -- Cancelled all Key West flights effective Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, until further notice (per Media Advisory #1)

Assuming the hurricane continues to follow its current path, the airlines expect operations to be normal through Monday, Sept. 13, 2004 – with the exceptions noted above.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next **72 hours** are still urged to contact their respective airlines via the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their specific flights. Another option is to check the airport's Web site at www.SWFIA.com by clicking on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

The airport is closely monitoring the storm and communicating with the airlines on a regular basis. We will forward information about changes in flight schedules that we receive from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note that information may not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Barring any other major schedule announcements, the next update is not expected until mid-day tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. If you have not received additional information, please be assured it is because there is nothing new to report.

Thanks for keeping viewers/listeners informed of latest airport and airline information!

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.

(Hurricane Ivan - 5:00 p.m. Daily Update; COUNTY OFFICES OPEN MON.)

- Hurricane Statistics:
- The track of Hurricane Ivan remains West of our area. However, do not focus solely on the track. As long as we are in the track error cone we remain at some risk.
- Ivan is located near 19.3 N and 82.5 W.
- Ivan is moving to the West-Northwest (295 degrees) at 10 MPH.
- Ivan has maximum sustained winds of 150 mph with gusts of 185 mph.
- Ivan is a dangerous hurricane, varying between category 4 and 5.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Status:

- Lee County Emergency Management has not ordered any evacuations! Evacuation decisions are reevaluated as conditions change.
- The Lee County EOC remains at Level 2 (partial activation).
- The State of Local Emergency has been extended & includes Hurricane Ivan.

Recommended Actions:

- Monitor local media for up-to-date information until Ivan is clear of our area.
- Keep your hurricane supply kit stocked!
- The storm continues to track to the west-northwest before an expected turn to the north. Current forecast tracks place landfall in the Florida Panhandle/Big Bend Area in 72 hours.
- Current forecast tracks indicate impact to Lee County will be 20-30 mph winds sometime Tuesday day. Rainfall possibility is 1 to 3 inches.
- Because of this continued track, no shelter openings are being recommended.
- LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE OPEN Monday, INCLUDING ALL SERVICES SUCH AS LEETRAN, LIBRARIES AND GARBAGE COLLECTION. Tax Collector offices also will be open.
- Next briefing will be at 11 a.m. Monday, September 13, 2004.
- Lee County Storm Information Hotline phone number is 477-1900.

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**Media Advisory #4:
Hurricane Ivan Airport & Airline Update**

Released: Sept. 12, 2004, 12:50 p.m.

Lee County Port Authority offices will be open tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. Port Authority employees should report to work as usual.

As of 12:00 p.m. today, the only new information reported by airlines operating at Southwest Florida International Airport is as follows:

- **USA3000** -- Combining morning and afternoon flights today, Sunday, Sept. 13, 2004. Travelers should contact the airline directly for specifics.

As a reminder, the following cancellations were announced Friday, Sept. 10, 2004:

- **Cape Air** -- Cancelled all Key West flights effective Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, until further notice (per Media Advisory #1)
- **AirTran** -- Cancelled all flights on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004 (per Media Advisory #1)

Assuming the hurricane continues to follow its current path, the airlines expect operations to be normal through Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004 – with the exceptions noted above.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next **72 hours** are still urged to contact their respective airlines via the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their specific flights. Another option is to check the airport's Web site at www.SWFIA.com by clicking on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

The airport is closely monitoring the storm and communicating with the airlines on a regular basis. We will forward information about changes in flight schedules that we receive from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note that information may not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Barring any other major schedule announcements, the next update is not expected until approximately 7 p.m. tonight, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004. If you have not received additional information, please be assured it is because there is nothing new to report.

Thanks for your assistance in keeping viewers and listeners informed about the latest airport/flight status information.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 11:30 a.m.

(Hurricane Ivan - 11: 30 a.m. Daily Update; COUNTY OFFICES OPEN MON.)

Local emergency managers and agencies held an 11 a.m. briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Ivan. Here's the latest:

- The storm continues to track to the west-northwest before an expected turn to the north. Current forecast tracks place landfall in the Florida Panhandle/Big Bend Area in 72 hours.
- Current forecast tracks indicate impact to Lee County will be 15-30 mph winds sometime Tuesday day.
- Because of this continued track, no evacuations or shelter openings are being recommended.
- LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE OPEN Monday, INCLUDING ALL SERVICES SUCH AS LEETRAN, LIBRARIES AND GARBAGE COLLECTION. Tax Collector offices also will be open.
- Next briefing will be at 5 p.m. Sunday.
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable.

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**Media Advisory #3:
Hurricane Ivan Airport Update**

Released: Sept. 11, 2004, 6:35 p.m.

As of 6:00 p.m. tonight, the airlines operating at Southwest Florida International Airport had not announced any additional flight cancellations due to Hurricane Ivan. Assuming the hurricane continues to follow its current path, the airlines expect operations to be normal through Monday, Sept. 13, 2004 – with two exceptions noted below.

As a reminder, the following cancellations were announced yesterday, Friday, Sept. 10, 2004:

- **Cape Air** -- Cancelled all Key West flights effective Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, until further notice (per Media Advisory #1)
- **AirTran** -- Cancelled all flights on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004 (per Media Advisory #1)

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next **72 hours** are still urged to contact their respective airlines via the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their specific flights. Another option is to check the airport's Web site at www.SWFIA.com by clicking on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

The airport is closely monitoring the storm and communicating with the airlines on a regular basis. We will forward information about changes in flight schedules that we receive from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note that information may not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Barring any other major schedule announcements, the next update is not expected until approximately 1 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004. If you have not received additional information, please be assured it is because there is nothing new to report.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, September 11, 2004 at 5 p.m.

(Hurricane Ivan Media Advisory - 5 p.m. Daily Update)

Local emergency managers and agencies held an 5 p.m. briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Ivan. Here's the latest:

- The storm still tracks more westerly. No changes since the 11 a.m. advisory below:
- The storm is slowing (to 8 mph) and has jogged more westerly, slowing the timing of any effects Southwest Florida may feel. This change in track is being influenced by a bubble of high pressure over Cuba.
- Current track indicates Lee County would feel any effects from the storm (wind, surge) Monday night. Those impacts could be less than the forecasted tracks from Friday.
- No decisions have been made about evacuations/shelter openings. Plans were to do evacuations, if deemed necessary, Sunday morning. Decisions about protective measures, however, have been delayed due to the current tracks and slower speed/timing of the storm.
- REMEMBER, the forecasted tracks are subject to quite a bit of variability because of the distance of the storm from Florida. The storm is expected, at some point, to speed back up and southwesterly steering currents also could impact the storm and its impact on Southwest Florida.
- Next briefing will be at 5 p.m. Saturday.
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable.

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**Media Advisory #2:
Hurricane Ivan Airport Update**

Released: Sept. 11, 2004, 1:10 p.m.

As of 12:00 p.m. today, the airlines operating at Southwest Florida International Airport had not announced any additional flight cancellations due to Hurricane Ivan.

As a reminder, the following cancellations were announced yesterday, Friday, September 10, 2004:

- **Cape Air** -- Cancelled all Key West flights effective Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, until further notice (per Media Advisory #1)
- **AirTran** -- Cancelled all flights on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004 (per Media Advisory #1)

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 72 hours are still urged to contact their respective airlines via the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their specific flights. Another option is to check the airport's Web site at www.SWFIA.com by clicking on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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Barring any other major schedule announcements, the next update is not expected until approximately 7 p.m. tonight. If you have not received additional information, please be assured it is because there is nothing new to report.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, September 11, 2004 at 12:30 p.m.

(Hurricane Ivan Media Advisory - 12:30 p.m. Daily Update)

Local emergency managers and agencies held an 12 p.m. briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Ivan. Here's the latest:

- The storm is slowing (to 8 mph) and has jogged more westerly, slowing the timing of any effects Southwest Florida may feel. This change in track is being influenced by a bubble of high pressure over Cuba.
- Current track indicates Lee County would feel any effects from the storm (wind, surge) Monday night. Those impacts could be less than the forecasted tracks from Friday.
- No decisions have been made about evacuations/shelter openings. Plans were to do evacuations, if deemed necessary, Sunday morning. Decisions about protective measures, however, have been delayed due to the current tracks and slower speed/timing of the storm.
- REMEMBER, the forecasted tracks are subject to quite a bit of variability because of the distance of the storm from Florida. The storm is expected, at some point, to speed back up and southwesterly steering currents also could impact the storm and its impact on Southwest Florida.
- Next briefing will be at 5 p.m. Saturday.
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable.

MN 04-40

**Media Advisory #1:
Hurricane Ivan Airport Update**

Released: Sept. 10, 2004, 5:54 p.m.

Two airlines have announced flight cancellations at Southwest Florida International Airport due to Hurricane Ivan:

- **Cape Air** -- Cancelled all Key West flights effective Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, until further notice.
- **AirTran** -- Cancelled all flights on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next **72 hours** are urged to contact their respective **airlines** via the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their specific flights. Another option is to check the airport's Web site at www.SWFIA.com by clicking on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

The airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

The airport will forward information about changes in flight schedules that it receives from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note that the information may not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Barring any other major schedule announcements, the next update is not expected until tomorrow afternoon. If you have not received additional information, be assured it is because there is nothing new to report.

Thanks for your continued assistance in keeping viewers and listeners informed about the latest airport/flight status information!

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, September 10, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.

(Hurricane Ivan Media Advisory - 3:30 p.m. Daily Update)

- Storm Information Hotline will be activated 7 a.m. Saturday morning, 477-1900.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Friday, September 10, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.
(Hurricane Ivan Media Advisory - 3:30 p.m. Daily Update)**

Local emergency managers and agencies held a 3 p.m. briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Ivan. Here's the latest:

- Current forecast tracks have Lee County feeling the effects of the storm around mid-morning Monday.
- The Lee County Emergency Operations Center will fully activate (Level 1) at 7 a.m. Saturday.
- No evacuations/shelter openings have been recommended yet. Based on current track and timing, the county is considering announcing evacuations/shelters Saturday evening to begin/open Sunday morning.
- Current tracks indicate more of a paralleling storm. Storm surge on barrier islands and coastal areas could be more of an issue.
- Current plans are for the EOC to be in a standby/preparation mode Saturday; managing evacuations Sunday, should Ivan threaten Southwest Florida.
- Next briefing will be at 11 a.m. Saturday.
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable.