

## **Tropical Storm Fay Update (noon)**

Aug 18, 2008

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE:** August 18, 2008 **TIME:** noon

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The Lee County Emergency Operations Center held conference calls this morning with the state, National Weather Service, and National Hurricane Center regarding Tropical Storm Fay. The following summarizes current actions:

- n The EOC is at activation level 1 (Full Activation).
- n The Board of Lee County Commissioners approved the State of Local Emergency this morning at 9:30 a.m.
- n Tourists at Upper Captiva, Cayo Costa, Useppa, and Cabbage Key must evacuate immediately and proceed to safer areas.
- n A voluntary evacuation is in effect for Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita Beach, Pine Island and Boca Grande.
- n City of Fort Myers and Cape Coral officials will be making recommendations regarding evacuations of low-lying areas later today.
- n A special needs shelter will open at noon. Only pre-registered evacuees are being accepted at this time.
- n The Lee County School District will meet later today to determine the status of school for Tuesday, August 19.
- n The county intends to open four evacuation shelters at 4 p.m. today at Dunbar High School, Island Coast High School, Estero Community Center, and South Fort Myers High School. South Fort Myers High School will also serve as a pet shelter.
- n Lee County emergency management officials will be available for a media teleconference at 2 p.m. Call 239-533-2750, password 10451045. Limited to 25 attendees.
- n Contact your local fire department to determine the availability of sandbags.
- n Citizens or visitors with questions can be directed to the United Way by calling 211 or (239) 433-3900
- n Please monitor your local media for updates.

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