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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER



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Message from Sheriff Chris Nocco

Florida's "Sunshine State" persona is occasionally blown asunder during the year when a severe storm swoops in, leaving havoc in its wake. We're, of course, talking about hurricane season, which accounts for half our year. With that in mind, the Pasco Sheriff's Office strives to prepare our citizens to weather these storms by providing critical safety information throughout the season. This newsletter thoroughly explains how to respond in advance, minimizing impact before and after a hurricane. Don't get caught in the storm -- prepare today.



Together, we can stay safe during Hurricane Season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Nocco'.

Hurricane Season: Preparation Starts With You

June is the beginning of Hurricane Season. Hurricanes and other weather events can occur quickly. Below are some tips to support emergency preparedness.



Create a Family Emergency Plan: Whether you are sheltering at home or evacuating, we urge people to share their plans with family and friends. Let people know where you will be and how to contact you. If you are evacuating, let them know what route you are taking, and consider establishing a location to reconnect if separated during an emergency.



Build an Emergency Kit: Pack an emergency kit with enough supplies to last each family member for a few days. Important items to include are a gallon of water per person per day, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit, and medications. Don't forget to pack essentials for your pets.



Stay Informed: Stay informed about weather events and sign up for emergency alerts in your area. Follow the National Hurricane Center at NOAA.gov for the latest hurricane tracks and additional safety tips to prepare for emergencies.



Know the Risks to Your Area: Consider the types of emergencies most likely to affect your community, such as hurricanes or tornadoes, and how best to prepare. For Pasco County citizens, we encourage you to learn your evacuation zone at PascoCountyFL.net



Access and Functional Needs: Ensure your emergency plan addresses your family's specific needs, including medical conditions, mobility challenges, and other accessibility requirements. Planning ahead ensures everyone can reach safety and receive the support they need during an emergency.

Preparing now can save lives later. We encourage everyone to stay current on weather-related events and the best ways to prepare; even those experienced in extreme weather can learn something new. Learn more about this upcoming hurricane season at NOAA.org. You can also follow us on social media to learn more helpful tips to help you prepare this hurricane season!

Are You Ready To Make A Difference?

When disaster strikes, Pasco Sheriff's Office volunteers from our Community Response Unit (CRU) step up to help those in need. This specialized volunteer unit assists our agency with emergency relief efforts following catastrophic events, such as hurricanes. Working alongside Pasco Sheriff's Office members, CRU volunteers assist with search-and-rescue operations, debris removal, and other relief efforts. Volunteers provide valuable support to all our members and are especially meaningful to citizens who need help following a disaster.

This team seeks individuals with skills, experience, time, or equipment who are willing to volunteer for emergency relief in the wake of a disaster. For more information on CRU, visit <http://PascoSheriff.com/cru/>!

Now is the time to prepare. The hurricane season begins on June 1, 2026, and runs through the late fall. Be prepared. Act now so you can take action when storms may hit.

Resources

National Hurricane Center: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Pasco Sheriff's Office: <https://pascosheriff.com/>

Pasco Sheriff's Office News Site: <https://news.pascosheriff.com/>

Florida Department of Emergency Management: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

Pasco County: <https://www.pascocountyfl.gov/>

Pasco County Fire Rescue: https://www.pascocountyfl.gov/services/fire_rescue/index.php

BusinessWatch@pascosheriff.org: This email address serves as a dedicated communication channel for local businesses to report non-emergency concerns directly to the Pasco Sheriff's Office. This resource streamlines community policing efforts by providing a formal point of contact for routine updates and information sharing without utilizing emergency dispatch lines.

Pasco Sheriff's Office shares updates on tropical storms and hurricanes projected to impact our area. You can follow these updates on our social media, news site, or by downloading our PSO News App.



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