



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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Florida Electric Cooperatives Association Hurricane Meeting

Question

Did anyone meet an FHP Trooper or Law Enforcement on the way to this years hurricane meeting?



FHP

Emergency Management

FHP Emergency Operations Coordinator –
FHP Liaison at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for FHP resources statewide during major events, such as natural disasters (Hurricanes, Piney Point Water Breach, Surfside) and civil unrest (protests).

- Coordinate missions statewide during declared State of Emergencies through ESF-16. (blue and gray sky operations) NKB-EOC (BCII, Building and Academy Staff)



FHP

Emergency Management

As the largest uniformed state law enforcement agency in the State of Florida, the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is the primary state law enforcement response agency.

FHP provides many resources to assist before, during and after an emergency through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). With statewide jurisdiction, the Florida Highway Patrol may be called upon to assist during an emergency situations.





During a disaster the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is prepared to deploy more than 300 Troopers within 24 hours to anywhere within the State of Florida.





FHP Emergency Management

What's your
plan?

What's Your Plan ?

- Have a NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio and battery backup to receive important weather and other emergency-related warnings.
- Build a disaster supply kit and have a family and/or business plan. Remember to also have a plan for pets.
- **Before, During and After a Hurricane**
- Evacuating Yourself and Your Family
- Determine if your home is in a storm surge evacuation zone. If so, learn what needs to be done if you evacuate or stay when a storm is moving toward your area.
- Mitigate Hurricane Damages
- Learn how to prepare your home from wind damage before a storm threatens your area.
- Consider insuring your home or business from flood loss.
- Make sure that all other aspects of your home are as protected from hurricanes as possible.

What's Your Plan ?

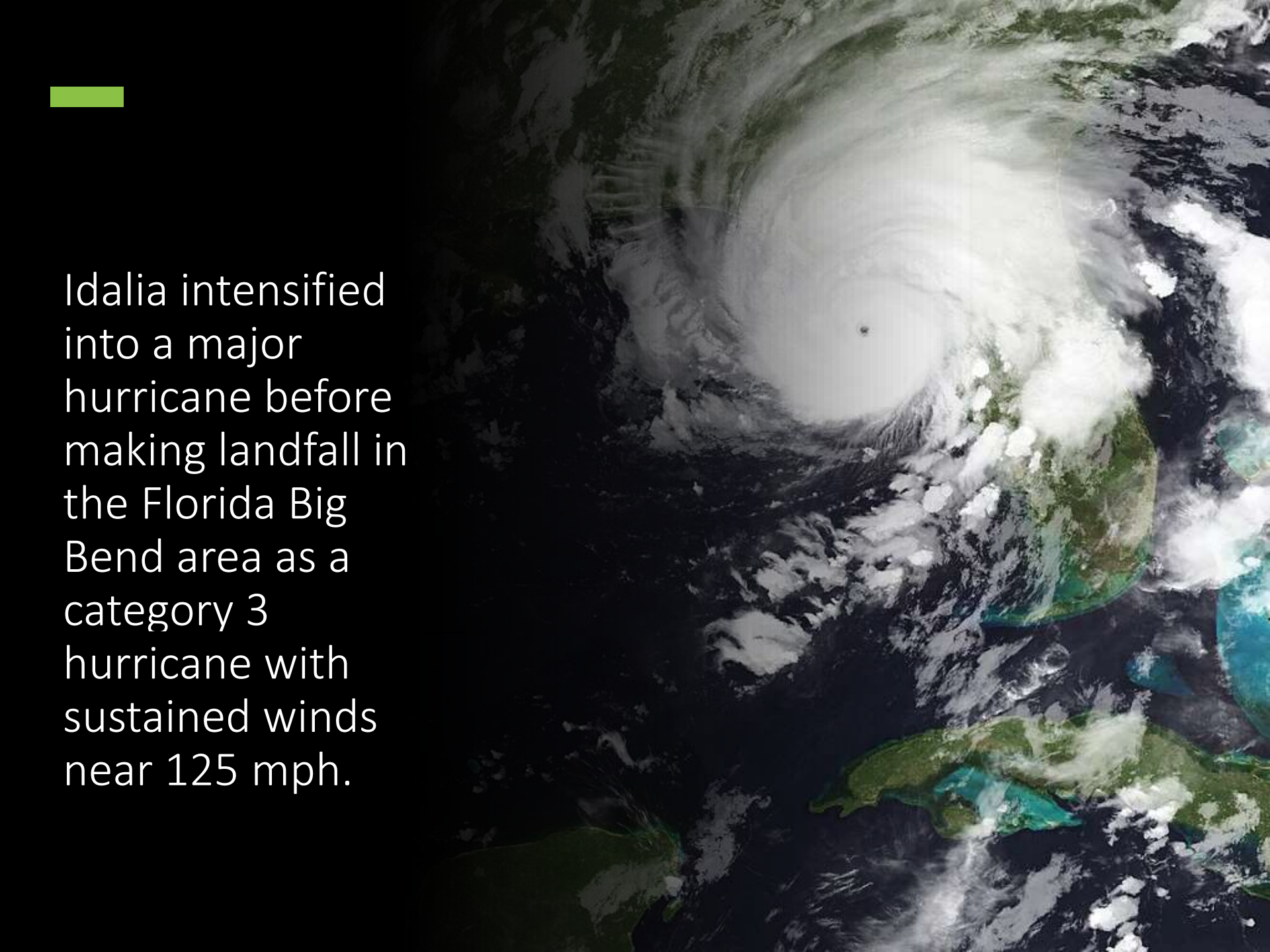
<https://www.floridadisaster.org/hazards/hurricanes/>





Hurricane Idalia Aug 26, 2023 – Aug 31, 2023





Idalia intensified into a major hurricane before making landfall in the Florida Big Bend area as a category 3 hurricane with sustained winds near 125 mph.



Prior to landfall of Hurricane Idalia FHP staged Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones) to assist Urban Search and Rescue Teams.



Question

Can anyone guess how many missions FHP handled during Hurricane Idalia.

Hurricane Idalia

74

Missions



Question

Prior to Hurricane Idalia landfall, FHP assisted with the evacuations of what 2 Florida Counties?

Taylor and Levy

FHP After Landfall

- **FHP chainsaw crews, consisting of approximately 40-50 troopers responded to assist in the rapid opening of Interstate – 10 following the impact of Hurricane Idalia.**
- **101 FHP Troopers have been deployed to provide support, traffic control, roadway clearing, and welfare checks throughout impacted areas in North Florida.**
- **12 FHP troopers working alpha/bravo shifts at request of Dixie County Sheriff's Office to control all traffic through their county due to power loss. Completed**
- **2 FHP troopers assisting with traffic control as Florida Power and Light restore power in Columbia County.**
- **10 FHP troopers providing road security operations at request of Taylor County EOC.**
- **2 FHP troopers providing law enforcement support at Taylor County emergency supply distribution site.**

Hurricane Idalia

FHP After Landfall Continued

- **12 FHP UAV/drone teams have been deployed for search and rescue operations in impacted areas.**
- **40 FHP troopers responded to support traffic operations in the Cedar Key area of Levy County.**
- **20 FHP troopers responding at request of Madison County Sheriffs Office to provide law enforcement support countywide.**
- **10 FHP troopers providing law enforcement support on bravo shift at request of Suwannee County Sheriff's Office.**
- **FHP EOC has been and will continue to be staffed 24/7 by emergency management.**
- **Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW) mobile units are on standby should a request occur.**
- **FHP has implemented 12-hour shifts and is at full force staffing until recovery efforts are complete.**
- **FHP continues to complete missions related to vehicle escorts of electrical teams, oil companies and deliveries of critical infrastructure resources to impacted areas.**

Hurricane Idalia

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FHP Office of Emergency Management Manages

- **FHP Air Support Unit (Aviation)**
- **FHP UASs (Drones)**
- **Continuity of Operations Planning**
 - **Department and Division**
- **FHP Hurricane Preparedness Plans**
 - **12 Troops statewide**
- **Peer Support Program**

FHP Air Support Unit

Air Support Unit

- Damage Assessments
- Aerial Assessments
- Deliver Supplies as needed



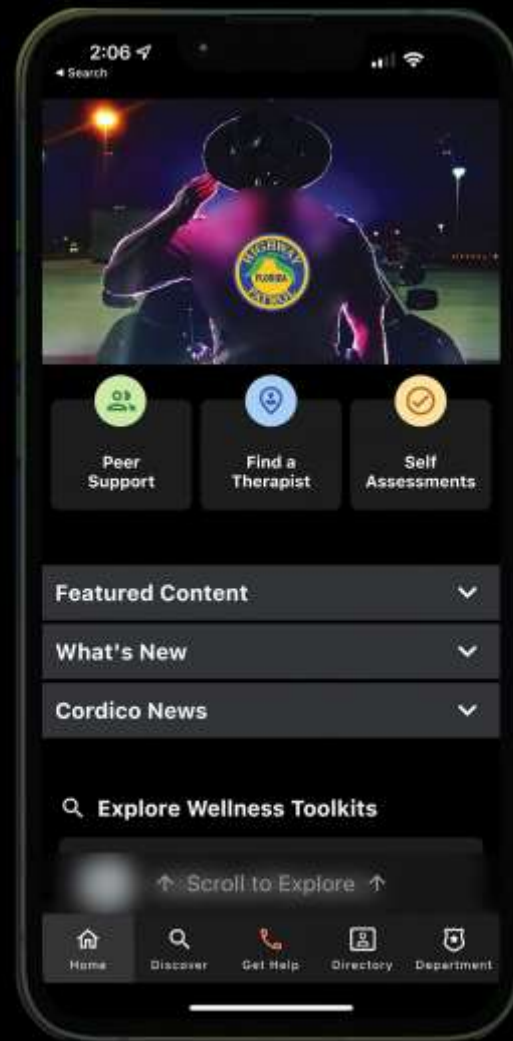
FHP Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)

- Real time special intelligence for command decisions
- Damage assessments
- Local air support
- Providing critical information to decision makers (FDOT Bridge 2022 Hurricane Ian)



FHP Wellness Application

- 24/7 Real-time Help
- 49 Peer Support Team Members
- North and South
- Sworn, non-sworn, dispatchers, reserve and auxiliary



FHP Also Provides...

- Escorts and security – Utility crews coming into the state, fuel trucks, supplies and infrastructure.
- Escorting power companies coming from out of state with limited knowledge of the impacted areas they are responding to.
- Security, lane closures and clear roadways.



FHP Security & Traffic Control



FHP Provides Escorts





The FHP Office of Emergency Management oversees the Patrol's mutual aid emergency response efforts from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) as part of the Emergency Services branch serving as a liaison to federal, state, local, and private sector stakeholders.



FHP Security



Florida Evacuations



Contraflow vs Emergency Shoulder Use



Evacuations

Contraflow

- Prevents valuable resources from getting to impacted areas;
- Restricted to daytime only;
- It eliminates inbound movement of traffic into the evacuation zone;
- It requires increased levels of manpower and material/equipment for both the implementation and operation of the evacuation as well as the need for longer lead times to configure roadways for its use.
- Confusing to drivers and increases the likelihood of dangerous traffic conflicts

Emergency Shoulder Use

Emergency Shoulder Use

- ESU provides additional capacity and improves traffic flow;
- ESU may be used all day and night, while one-way operations are restricted to daytime only;
- Far fewer resources such as cones, signs, barriers, law enforcement officers, and FDOT personnel are required to implement ESU;
- Shorter notice is required for implementation and deactivation of ESU;
- Flexibility exists to implement ESU by corridor or section as needed;
- ESU does not impact opposing traffic flow, such as first responders travelling toward an incident;
- Arterial and local roadways are not disrupted during ESU operations.

Emergency Shoulder Use Cont.

Emergency Shoulder Use Roadways

Interstate 4

Eastbound from US 41 in Tampa (Hillsborough) to SR 417 in Celebration (Osceola)

Interstate 10

Westbound from US 301 in Jacksonville (Duval) to US 319 in Tallahassee (Leon)

Interstate 75

Northbound from SR 951 in Naples (Collier) to SR 143 in Jennings (Hamilton)

Interstate 75 Alligator Alley

Northbound from US 27 in Weston (Broward) to SR 951 in Naples (Collier)

Southbound from SR 951 in Naples (Collier) to US 27 in Weston (Broward)

Interstate 95

Northbound from SR 706 in Jupiter (Palm Beach) to south of Interstate 295 in Jacksonville (Duval)

Florida's Turnpike

Northbound from south of Hypoluxo Road in Boynton Beach (Palm Beach) to Osceola Parkway in Kissimmee (Osceola)

Northbound from SR 50 in Winter Garden (Orange) to US 301 or Interstate 75 in Wildwood (Sumter)

State Road 528

Westbound from SR 520 near Tosohatchee (Orange) to east of SR 417 in Orlando (Orange)

Florida Evacuations

Question

What evacuation strategy does Florida use to evacuate residents and visitors of Florida?



Emergency Shoulder Use



Emergency Shoulder Use was first implemented during Hurricane Irma in September 2017



Florida Evacuations

How does this effect the Florida Electrical Co-Op?

How does this effect other resources?



FHP Emergency Management Stakeholder Engagement





FHP Emergency Management Emergency Shoulder Use





Questions?

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Thank You!!!

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