

E M E R G E N C Y P R E P A R E D N E S S

# HURRICANE EVACUATION GUIDE

*Vital information you need to know  
in case of a hurricane evacuation.*



Information brought to you by the City of  
Jacksonville's Emergency Operation Center



Dear Citizens:

The City of Jacksonville is pleased to present to you The Hurricane Evacuation Guide. As a coastal community, Jacksonville is geographically vulnerable to tropical storms, depressions and hurricanes. In recent years, we have been fortunate to escape a direct hit from a hurricane, but the threat of a serious storm always lingers.

Jacksonville has a sound emergency strategy in place to warn and protect citizens in the event of a hurricane; however, it can only operate effectively if residents are aware of emergency procedures and available services. Knowing what to do and where to go in case of an evacuation is critical and necessary to ensure the safety of your family.

Please read this guide carefully and keep it in a handy location. The information contained in this pamphlet will prove invaluable in the event of a hurricane.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Delaney", with a stylized flourish.

John A. Delaney

# ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

## 1. SHOULD I EVACUATE?

Evacuation orders will be issued for those who live in evacuation zones, those who live in mobile and manufactured housing and those with special medical needs.

Hurricane evacuation zones are drawn from the expected storm surge flooding. Historically, 90 percent of hurricane deaths come from storm surge flooding. You must evacuate to save lives.

Typically, mobile and manufactured housing does not perform well in high wind events. The performance is based primarily on year of manufacture and how well the structure is tied down. Structural failure during a hurricane can threaten your life.

Hurricane winds and storm surge flooding interrupt normal services we all rely upon. The interruption of communications, transportation and electricity is particularly harsh on those with special medical needs, even life threatening.

## 2. WHEN SHOULD I EVACUATE?

You should evacuate when the Mayor of the Consolidated City of Jacksonville orders an evacuation for a hurricane. Of course, there are numerous things you must do to get ready for that. Here is a brief guide on timing your evacuation decision.

- **Hurricane Watch** – A hurricane watch will be issued by the National Hurricane Center 24 to 36 hours prior to the landfall of the hurricane. This is when you should take the time-

consuming steps to protect your property: secure your boat, bring all outdoor furniture, plants indoors, etc. Ensure your entire family knows your hurricane plan.

- **Hurricane Warning** – A hurricane warning will be issued by the National Hurricane Center 24 hours prior to the landfall of the hurricane. The National Hurricane Center expects hurricane force winds to be felt in the warned area. This is the time to complete protecting your property and ensure your family is ready to evacuate.
- **Evacuation Order Issued** – An evacuation order will be issued 12 to 22 hours prior to the landfall of the hurricane. The time allocated for the evacuation includes your travel time; however you do not want to wait and contribute to the traffic jam immediately prior to landfall of the storm. Evacuate as soon as the order is given.

### 3. WHERE SHOULD I GO?

If you must evacuate, you must get out of the hazard that caused you to evacuate. You must leave the evacuation zone, and you must leave mobile and manufactured housing.

You should go to a well-built facility outside the storm surge. The best option is family or friends within the county so as not to contribute to the out-of-county evacuation traffic. The next best option is family and friends outside the county. A final option is public shelter within Duval County or outside of the county. Public shelter is listed as a final option, because a shelter is very basic. Comfort amenities are not provided other than what you bring with you. Public shelter is a life boat; not a cruise ship.

### 4. HOW TO GET THERE?

The map enclosed shows the hurricane evacuation routes for Duval County. For those who do not have transportation at the beaches, transportation centers have been established where you

may board public transportation to a public shelter inland.

Those with transportation needs associated with their medical condition must register before the hurricane with the city's Emergency Preparedness Division in order to ensure transportation is available and scheduled.

## 5. WHAT SHOULD I TAKE WHEN I EVACUATE?

A Disaster Supplies Kit should include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food
- Special dietary food if needed
- Utensils such as a manual can opener, disposable plates, cups, forks, knives, spoons, napkins, etc.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
- Personal hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, aspirin, antacid, wash cloth and towel, etc.
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- A first aid kit and prescription medicines
- An extra pair of glasses
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- Credit cards and cash
- An extra set of car keys
- A list of family physicians
- A list of important family information
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members
- Books, magazines, cards, toys and games

## GOING TO A PUBLIC SHELTER

### IN DUVAL COUNTY

Please note: Listen to your local media for shelter information. Not all shelters may be opened as planned, and additional shelters may be opened as needed. For additional information, contact the American Red Cross at 358-8091. Animal owners should pay special attention to the evacuation needs of their pets. Remember that pets are not allowed in public shelters. Animals should be evacuated or boarded at an appropriate facility.

### First Opening Public Shelters in Duval County

ABESS PARK ELEMENTARY  
12731 Abess Blvd.

FIRST COAST HIGH SCHOOL  
590 Duval Station Road

ANDREW ROBINSON ELEMENTARY  
201 W. 12th St.

LANDMARK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
101 Kernan Road

BALDWIN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
291 Mill St. W.

MANDARIN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
5100 Hood Road

CHETS CREEK ELEMENTARY  
13200 Chets Creek Blvd.

SABAL PALM ELEMENTARY  
1201 Kernan Blvd.

CHIMNEY LAKES ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
9353 Staples Mill Dr.

TWIN LAKES ACADEMY ELEMENTARY  
11780 Points Meadow Road

People living outside Duval County should contact their County Emergency Management or Public Safety Office for information on the shelter nearest their home.

## UNDER A HURRICANE WATCH

- Listen for weather updates on local radio stations and on NOAA Weather Radio. Don't trust rumors.
- Review your disaster plan with your family.
- Check your disaster supplies kit.
- Gather important papers (insurance, titles, deeds, birth certificates, pet vaccination records, prescriptions).
- Refill prescriptions and obtain adequate supply of baby food, diapers and sanitary needs.
- Clear yard of potential flying debris: lawn furniture, potted plants, bicycles and trash cans.
- Protect windows and glass doors. Brace double entry and garage doors at the top and bottom.
- Fill your car's gas tank and check oil, water and tires.
- Get cash. Banks and ATMs will not operate without electricity, and few stores will be able to accept credit cards.
- Animal owners should make any special preparations for the care and evacuation of their pets. Remember that pets are not allowed in public shelters. Pets should be evacuated with their owners or boarded at a veterinarian with adequate facilities.

## UNDER A HURRICANE WARNING

- Evacuate without delay if recommended by city officials.
- Take your disaster supply kit.
- Take your important papers and other important items with you.
- Let friends or family know where you are going.
- Turn off your electricity, gas and water at their main switches or valves.
- Make sure your doors and windows are protected and locked.
- Listen to the radio and follow instructions of local emergency officials.

# DUVAL COUNTY HURRICANE EVACUATION ZONES

## NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

For emergency information tune to NewsTalk radio

**690 AM WOKV**

Emergency Preparedness Office

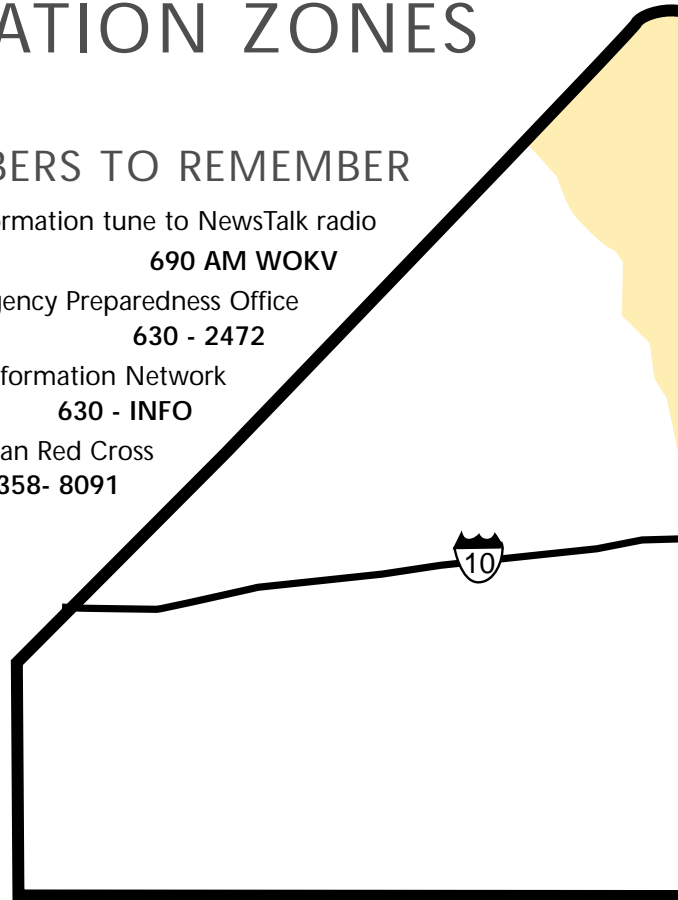
**630 - 2472**

Hurricane Information Network

**630 - INFO**

Local American Red Cross

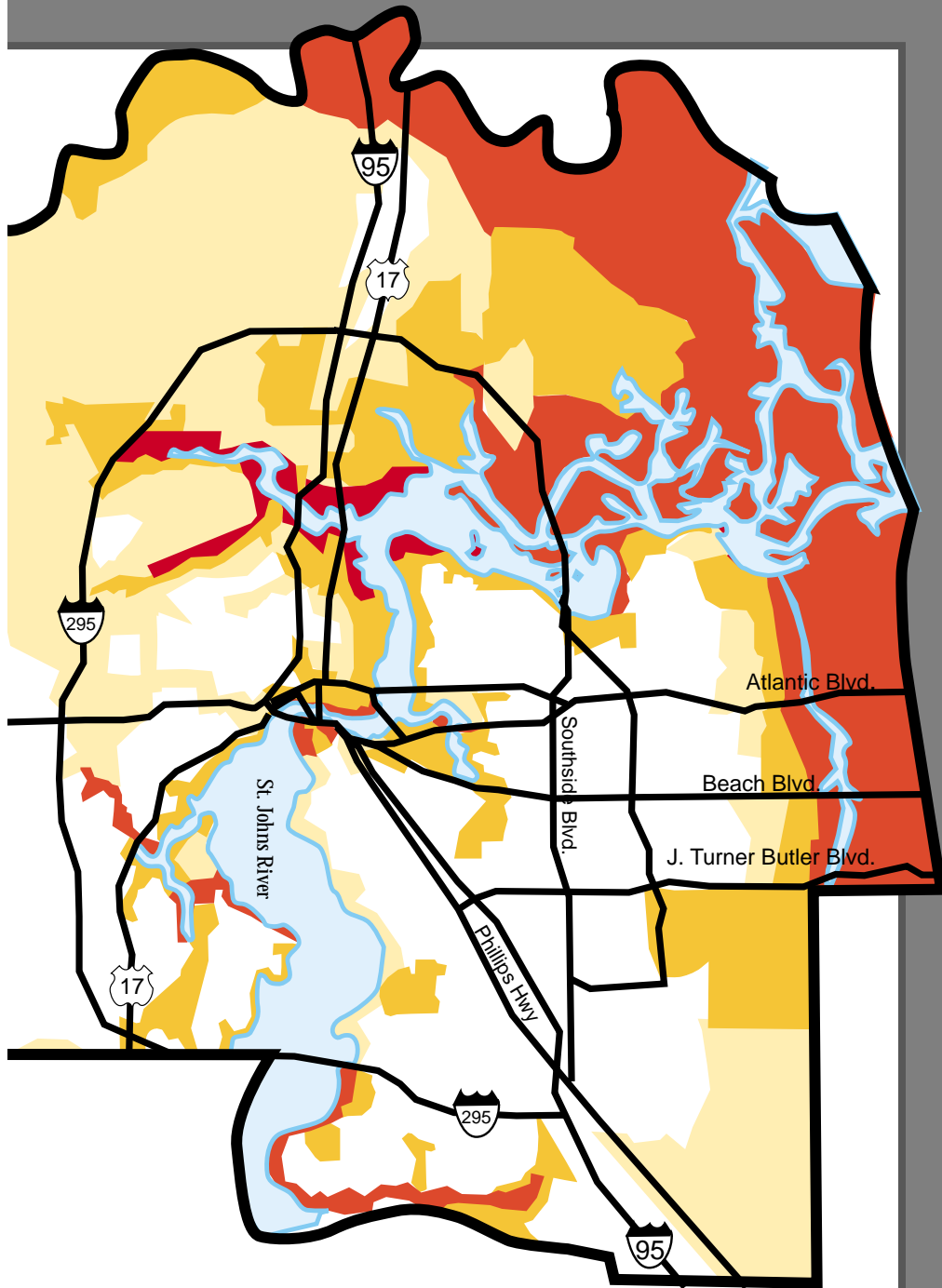
**358- 8091**



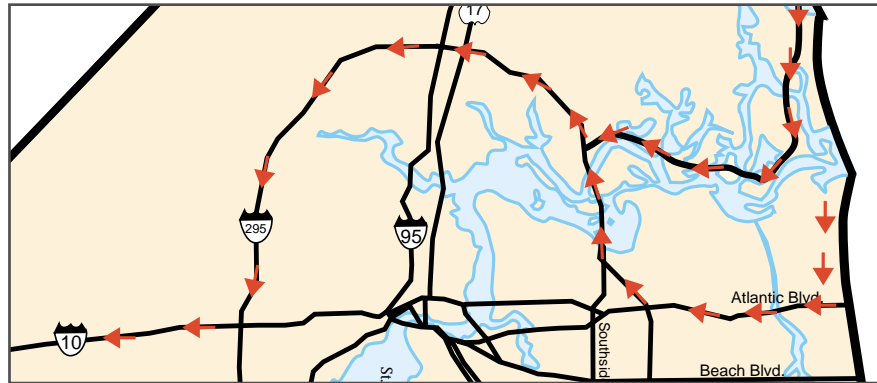
**ZONE "A" RED:** The area most vulnerable to damage from hurricane, evacuation required in Category 1 - 5.

**ZONE "B" ORANGE:** The area subject to damage from major hurricane, evacuation required in Category 3 - 5.

**ZONE "C" YELLOW:** The area subject to damage from the strongest of hurricanes, evacuation required in Category 4 - 5.

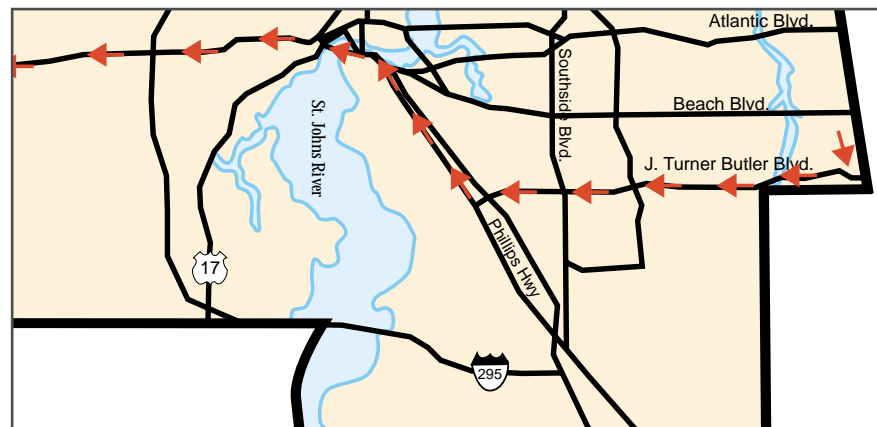


# PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTE



## BEACH BLVD.

Drive south and turn right on Beach Boulevard, proceed to the Hart Bridge Expressway to Interstate 95, to Interstate 10 or points westward.



# UTES

## ATLANTIC BLVD.

Drive south and turn right on Atlantic Boulevard, proceed to Florida 9A across the Dames Point Bridge (Broward Bridge) to Interstate 95 or Interstate 295 and points westward.



## J. TURNER BUTLER BLVD.

Drive south and turn right onto Butler Boulevard, proceed to Interstate 95 or points westward.

