



City of Marathon

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PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR POTENTIAL TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS AS HURRICANE DORIAN FORCASTED TO IMPACT THE CENTRAL COAST

Marathon FL – The City of Marathon is preparing for potential Tropical Storm force winds as Hurricane Dorian predictions forecast impact to the central Florida coast.

At 1400 Wednesday 8/28/19 the National Weather Service Key West states that it is still too early to predict specific weather impacts for the Florida Keys, but sustained tropical storm force winds and squalls gusting up to 20-30 mph are possible in the Upper Keys on Saturday night and Sunday.

“While there is still quite a bit of uncertainty, Marathon residents should take this opportunity to review their personal Hurricane Plan and be prepared. With Dorian tracking westward, residents are reminded to fuel up now if they haven’t already” said City Manager Chuck Lindsey. “As we approach the height of Hurricane season, let’s use this time to be as prepared as possible”.

As of yesterday the County has not issued an official notice. Due to the storm’s distance predictability will increase as it gets closer. A new assessment will occur this afternoon.

“We have to wait for it to position itself before any recommendations are made,” said Marty Senterfitt, Director of Monroe County Emergency Management.

The city will provide updates via their webpage at www.ci.marathon.fl.us/ and their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MarathonCityFL/

For more information on Hurricane preparation go to www.monroecountyem.com

For up to date storm tracking visit the National Hurricane Center at <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

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