



City of Marathon

News Release

Hurricane Dorian Update 1

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PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR POTENTIAL TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS

Marathon FL – The City of Marathon continues to make preparations for potential high winds as Hurricane Dorian approaches Florida.

At 1400 Thursday 8/29/19 the National Weather Service Key West states that potential impacts to the Florida Keys remain highly uncertain, but will be examined for potential winds, rainfall, and coastal flooding over the period Sunday through Monday night.

No watches or warnings are in effect for any portion of the Florida Keys at this time. Watches could be issued for portions of the Florida Keys sometime Friday. Hurricane Dorian is expected to become a major hurricane Friday, and turn toward the west/northwest by Friday night.

As of today, there is a 40% chance of tropical storm force winds (>39MPH) in Marathon by this weekend. Squalls are possible and could be expected throughout the Florida Keys on Sunday and Monday, especially in the Upper Keys.

Residents should take this time to review their emergency plans, pick up loose debris and ensure their vessels are adequately secured. Contractors should visit job sites and secure potential hazards to protect surrounding properties and Marina residents are reminded to listen to CH 68 at 0900 daily for updates.

In addition, this weekend Marathon will experience exceptionally high tides. Effects from Dorian are still being reviewed, but the City may experience minor flooding in low areas during these periods.

The city has activated a modified Incident Management Team to monitor Dorian and any potential impacts, as more information becomes available, it will be released.

These updates may be found on the City webpage at www.ci.marathon.fl.us/ and Facebook 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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