



# City of Marathon

## News Release

### Hurricane Dorian Update 2

August 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### PREPARATIONS CONTINUE AS PROBABILITY OF HIGH WINDS INCREASES

**Marathon FL** – As Dorian approaches Florida and prediction accuracy increases, the City of Marathon continues to make preparations for potential high winds and possible flooding.

At 0800 Friday 8/23/19, the National Weather Service Key West again states that potential impacts to the Florida Keys remain highly uncertain, however chances of sustained Tropical Storm force winds have increased throughout the Keys, possibly beginning as early as Sunday morning in the Ocean Reef area. Fast moving squalls with brief, damaging wind gusts are possible later Sunday through at least Tuesday.

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 late today or Saturday. Hurricane Dorian is expected to become a major hurricane today and remain extremely dangerous as it approaches the Florida peninsula by Labor Day.

As of this morning, there is a 59% chance of tropical storm force winds (>39MPH) in Marathon by Sunday. With the increasing threat of flooding beginning Monday through next week.

“While there is still a lot of uncertainty, residents should be making preparations for possible high winds and secure loose items to reduce risk to themselves and others. We are experiencing very high tides this week and with the threat of potential flooding, everyone should monitor reports, closely and be prepared. – City Manager Chuck Lindsey

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. In addition to local weather reports residents can expect updates from the City daily around 3pm.

These updates may be found on the City webpage at [www.ci.marathon.fl.us/](http://www.ci.marathon.fl.us/) and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MarathonCityFL/](https://www.facebook.com/MarathonCityFL/)

For more information on Hurricane preparation go to [www.monroecountyem.com](http://www.monroecountyem.com)

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

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