



City of Marathon

News Release

Hurricane Dorian Update 4

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AS DORIAN SHIFTS, THREAT TO THE KEYS REDUCES, OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO MONITOR

Marathon FL – As Dorian’s track shifts north east, the threat of dangerous winds and potential flooding is decreasing. The City of Marathon continues to monitor the storm, but is reducing its posture to a lower level.

At 0900 Saturday 8/31/19, the National Weather Service Key West states the forecast track of Category 4 Hurricane Dorian has been shifted to the right (north & east), especially from Monday night onward, reducing the threat of tropical storm or greater conditions for the Florida Keys. Fast moving squalls with brief strong wind gusts are forecasted Monday through at least Tuesday night. There is a decreased threat for significant coastal flooding due to the shift in the forecasted track, especially for the east end of Florida Bay.

“Peak water levels are likely to be 2 to 2.5 feet above mean sea level, similar to a big King Tide event” said Mr. Jon Rizzo of the National Weather Service in Key West.

The National Hurricane Center is expected to release a detailed storm surge model later today, and Emergency Management will advise residents on specific details. As of this morning, there is a 37 % chance of tropical storm force winds (>39MPH) in Marathon early next week.

No watches or warnings are in effect for any portion of the Florida Keys at this time.

“If IRMA taught us one thing, it’s that we can never be over-prepared. Communications and flexibility are crucial, and while we have to make our decisions with the information immediately available, we do so with the ability to adjust at a moment’s notice” said city manager Chuck Lindsey “We will continue to monitor this storm, stand by to help others in its path, and remain flexible.”

Residents are reminded to continue monitoring weather reports and stay tuned for more information.

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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