



City of Marathon

News Release

Hurricane Dorian Update 5

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CAT 5 DORIAN APPROACHES BAHAMAS, THREAT TO THE FLORIDA KEYS GREATLY REDUCED

Marathon FL – Now a Category 5 Hurricane, Dorian approaches the Bahamas with life threatening conditions. Marathon and the Florida Keys remain out of its path and efforts shift to assistance for those who will be impacted.

At 0900 Sunday 9/1/19, The National Weather service Key West briefed officials that the forecast track of Category 5 Hurricane Dorian remains similar to that from Saturday, with a longer “crawl/stall” forecasted near the northwestern Bahamas. Fast moving squalls with brief strong wind gusts of 40 50 mph are possible Monday but most likely the Upper and Middle Keys will experience up to 20MPH winds. Threat for minor coastal flooding throughout the Keys will be similar to a “king tide” event.

The Marathon EOC will be reducing its posture but officials will continue to monitor. No watches or warnings are in effect for any portion of the Florida Keys at this time.

In Dorian’s path, the Bahamas are preparing to experience forces 2 times as powerful as Hurricane IRMA. Officials in Marathon and Monroe County are shifting operations to provide mutual aid assistance if needed to those impacted.

“While it appears we are out of harm’s way, we will continue to keep a close eye on it. Our focus is now to those who are in danger. Knowing all too well the effects of a Major Hurricane, our thoughts are to them. We will be prepared to assist in Dorians wake if needed” –Chuck Lindsey.

The intent of these releases was to provide residents with real time information as to Marathon’s specific concerns and intentions. Unless the situation changes, this will be the last update.

Residents are reminded to continue monitoring weather reports throughout Hurricane season.

Future 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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