



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for September 2, 2019

September is National Preparedness Month; Are you ready?

KyForward & BBB) Mass shootings. Tornadoes. Flooding. Now, hurricanes. It seems every community in our country has experienced some kind of disaster, tragedy or emergency event this year. We hear about them on the news and the question we always ask ourselves is: would we know what to do if that were to happen here in our home or in our community?



[National Preparedness Month](#), sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is part of a governmental effort to strengthen the United States' preparedness capabilities from terrorist attacks to natural disasters. Better Business Bureau is partnering with FEMA and the [Department of Homeland Security](#) to provide the following tips to

properly prepare for a disaster:

- **Make and Practice Your Plan**
 - Disasters don't plan ahead, but you can. Start by making an emergency plan with everyone in the home.
 - Put together a plan by discussing four different questions with your family, friends or household to begin your emergency plan. Discuss how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings, what your shelter plan is, your evacuation route and the household communication plan.
 - It's best to practice your escape plan with your family, including animals, at least twice a year so you are fully prepared when disaster strikes.
- **Learn Life Saving Skills**
- **Save for an Emergency**

Full story with more tips: <https://www.kyforward.com/bbb-trends-september-is-national-preparedness-month-are-you-ready-here-are-some-helpful-tips/>

Ready.Gov: <https://www.ready.gov/september>

- Pet Preparedness: <https://www.ready.gov/pet-toolkit>
- Business Emergency Prep: <https://www.ready.gov/business-toolkit>

Red Cross Preparedness: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html>

Governor Bevin's Proclamation: <https://kyem.ky.gov/Documents/SeptemberNationalPreparedness2019.pdf>

Western Kentucky Red Cross volunteers prepare to help with Dorian relief

(WPSD) Two volunteers with the American Red Cross Western Kentucky chapter tell Local 6 they are heading south to help with the Hurricane Dorian disaster relief effort.



Red Cross volunteer Stan Scott of Owensboro says he and Leroy Harris of Buchanan are headed out Monday in an emergency response vehicle loaded with water and snacks. Scott says they're on their way to Montgomery, Alabama. Once there, they will wait for word from the Red Cross on where to go to provide disaster relief support.

Full story: https://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/western-kentucky-red-cross-volunteers-prepare-to-help-with-dorian/article_79e30bcc-cda8-11e9-99cb-5317488b7257.html

Lexington ARC Chapter volunteers move towards the storm

(WTVQ) Red Cross volunteers from Kentucky are moving closer to the storm. About 30 Kentuckians are in Alabama waiting for their assignments.

“Two of our volunteers that have left and deployed are helping with sheltering right now,” said Tawanda Owsley, Red Cross Bluegrass Area Chapter Executive Director.

Two more volunteers from Lexington left on Monday with the disaster relief truck that has food, water, and other necessities. There are more volunteers in Kentucky that are on standby if needed.

Full story: <https://www.wtvq.com/2019/09/02/family-ties-ky-evacuate-sc-red-cross-volunteers-move-towards-storm/>

Local volunteers prepare to head south for Hurricane Dorian relief

(WDRB) -- Volunteers from different organizations in Kentuckiana are gathering supplies and gear in an effort to prepare for relief needs as Hurricane Dorian approaches the United States.

Around 100 volunteers for the Southern Baptist Convention Kentucky Disaster Relief team are set to leave the Commonwealth midweek and provide relief to those in the southeast that are impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

Read more: https://www.wdrb.com/news/local-volunteers-prepare-to-head-south-for-hurricane-dorian-relief/article_dd3e6aae-cd21-11e9-b25a-dbe5a445592b.html

Hurricane Dorian Still Pummeling Northwestern Bahamas as Outer Rainbands Reach Florida Coast

Dorian is a threat from Florida to southeastern Virginia this week.

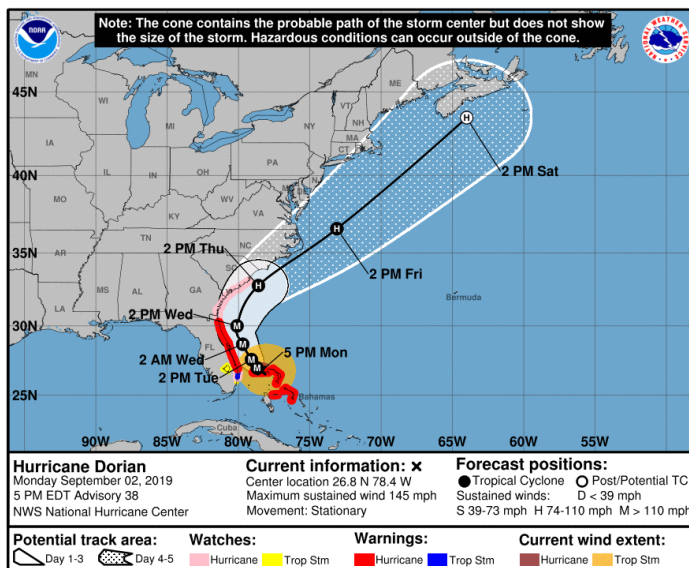
(Weather.com) Hurricane watches have been extended northward to include the entire Georgia coastline and South Carolina's Lowcountry as Dorian remains parked over the northwestern Bahamas. It will track dangerously close to a large portion of the East Coast from Florida to Georgia,

South Carolina, North Carolina and southeastern Virginia this week.

Outer rainbands have already moved ashore in South Florida, where winds over 40 mph have been clocked in a few locations near the coast, including at Opa Locka Airport near Miami.

Dorian's intensity has backed off ever so slightly from Sunday's peak and is now a strong [Category 4](#), and it will remain a formidable hurricane over the next several days.

A hurricane warning has been posted along the east coast of Florida from Jupiter Inlet to Ponte Vedra Beach. A storm surge warning has also been issued from Lantana, Florida, to the Altamaha Sound in Georgia.



A hurricane watch has been posted along the southeastern U.S. coast from north of Deerfield Beach, Florida, to Jupiter Inlet, Florida, and from north of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, to the South Santee River in South Carolina.

Full report with video: <https://weather.com/storms/hurricane/news/2019-09-02-hurricane-dorian-labor-day-bahamas-florida-georgia-carolinas>

Hurricane Center: https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at5+shtml/215101.shtml?cone#contents

TN emergency teams arrive in FL for hurricane response

(WKRN - Sunday) A search and rescue team from Tennessee arrived in Florida early Sunday morning to help with the response to Hurricane Dorian. First responders are staging at the Orange County Convention Center. Tennessee announced other deployments on Saturday:



- An ambulance strike team of 48 emergency medical services personnel from the counties of, Anderson, Benton, Blount, Cheatham, Claiborne, Grainger, Green, Hamilton, Hardeman, Madison, Metro Nashville/Davidson, Montgomery, Sullivan, Sumner, and Weakley, and the cities of Bartlett and Germantown in Shelby County;
- A swift-water rescue team of 37 personnel from fire departments in Dickson, Madison, Shelby, and Williamson counties, and the cities of Ashland City in Dickson County and LaVergne in Rutherford County; and,
- One staff member from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Office of Energy Programs who will support Florida's fuel operations during the emergency.

Story link: <https://www.wkrn.com/news/tn-emergency-teams-arrive-in-fl-for-hurricane-response/>

[Note: Jim Duke, a member of the KAPA Board and Director of several ambulance services in Western Kentucky, confirmed that they have deployed five ambulances to Florida with AMR as part of their national ambulance contract team. They are part of a 30-ambulance Strike Team that has already been involved in some facility evacuations.]

NJ Labor Day parade canceled after explosive devices found; Governor was to attend

(USA Today) A man has been arrested and charged with possessing explosive devices, an incident that resulted [in the cancellation of the annual South Plainfield Labor Day Parade](#). Gov. Phil Murphy and first lady Tammy Murphy were scheduled to attend the parade, according to the governor's public schedule.

Full story: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/09/02/new-jersey-labor-day-parade-canceled-after-explosive-devices-found/2191623001/>

Texas gunman fired from job before massacre; victim IDs emerge

(Reuters) - The man who killed seven people and wounded 22 others in a rolling rampage across West Texas on Saturday was fired from his trucking job hours before the massacre, media and officials reported.

Details about the Labor Day weekend shooting and the names of some of the victims were emerging online and from officials on Sunday and early Monday. Police continued to comb through 15 different crime scenes in neighboring Midland and Odessa, Texas.

Learn more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-shooting/texas-gunman-fired-from-job-before-massacre-victim-ids-emerge-media-idUSKCN1VN0L3>

White House to propose expedited death penalty for perpetrators of mass shootings

(Reuters) - U.S. Attorney General William Barr has drafted legislation that would speed the death penalty for people who have committed mass murder, a White House official said on Monday. Marc Short, chief of staff to Vice President Mike Pence, told reporters on Air Force 2 that the measure would be part of a package of gun legislation that the White House intends to propose to Congress.

Full story: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-shooting-deathpenalty/white-house-to-propose-expedited-death-penalty-for-perpetrators-of-mass-shootings-idUSKCN1VN1N9>

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