Weather:
At 2 pm Tuesday, Hurricane Ike was moving over western Cuba about 65 miles west-southwest of Havana, or about 165 miles to the southwest-southwest of Key West. Maximum sustained winds are near 75 mph (Category 1) and Ike is expected to emerge into the southeastern Gulf of Mexico within the next few hours and strengthen over the warm Gulf waters. Ike is moving west-northwest at 12 mph and is expected to continue this motion through the week. Tropical storm force winds extend outwards to 195 miles from the center and hurricane force winds extend outwards to 35 miles. Tropical storm force wind gusts have been reported in the Florida Keys with a gust to hurricane force reported by a weather observation tower about 10 miles southwest of Keys West. A Tropical Storm Warning remains in effect for the entire Florida Keys island chain, from Ocean Reef to Key West, and the Dry Tortugas. Wind Advisories have been issued for portions of Central and South Florida through this evening.

The outer rain bands from Ike will continue moving across South Florida and southern portions of Central Florida tonight with breezy conditions expected. Rainfall amounts of 1-3 inches are possible through tonight. While widespread flooding is not expected, localized urban flooding is possible. Also, isolated tornadoes and waterspouts within squalls are possible across South Florida and the Florida Keys through Wednesday. Storm surge flooding of 1-3 feet is possible in the Florida Keys and high waves along the South Florida coast may result in minor coastal flooding and beach erosion. A high risk of rip currents is expected along all Atlantic beaches and Southwest Florida beaches.

The current water level for Lake Okeechobee is 15.10 feet

Executive Orders/FEMA Declarations:
• Executive Order #08-187
• Presidential Emergency Declaration approved
  FEMA-3293-EM

State Actions:
• SEOC is at a Level 2
• SEOC Operational hours: 0700 hrs to 2400 hrs

State Emergency Management:
State Emergency Operations Center (Approx. 75)

County EOC Activation:
Monroe - Full
Collier - Partial

Local State of Emergency:
• Monroe
• Collier
• Miami-Dade

Deployed Resources (91):
• State Logistics Response Center (4)
• Liaisons (Ops Support) (3)
• Florida National Guard (75)
• One Recon Team (4 members)
• Liaison to FEMA IMAT Situation Unit (1)

County Shelters(2):
http://www.floridadisaster.org/gis/kml/viewer.htm
Miami-Dade (FIU): General (1) Total Population: 383
  Special Needs (1) Total Population: 66

County Evacuations:
Monroe County: Mandatory Evacuations
  • Special Needs and Non Residents (Completed)
  • Keys Residents (Completed)

Airport Status:
Key West International: Closed
Florida Keys Marathon Airport: Closed
Naval Air Station Boca Chica: Closed

Port Status:
Port Key West: Closed

School Closing (Wednesday):
Monroe

Government Closing (Wednesday):
Monroe