



MARION COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Gail Colletta
c/o Florida Action Committee Inc.
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November 4, 2019

Dear Ms. Colletta,

I am in receipt of your correspondence regarding hurricane and emergency preparedness. In it, you pose five questions that I will attempt to answer in-turn.

1. Where can registrants evacuate to during a hurricane or natural disaster?

Sex offenders and sex predators may evacuate to any location at which they may lawfully be present. This could include friends, family, and neighbors.

2. If separate provisions are made for registrants on probation vs. registrants not on probation, what are they?

I am unaware of the practices of the Department of Corrections in this regard and as such I cannot answer your question.

3. If specific shelters have been designated for registrants, what is/are the location of those shelters?

There are no specific shelters that have been so designated at this time.

4. Will registrants be separated from their family if seeking shelter in a designated location?

As there are no specific shelters, it is impossible to determine whether they would be separated from their families.

5. If an evacuation lasts more than three days, are registration locations open during the hurricane or natural disaster to enable a registrant to comply with registration requirements.

Our agency is fully committed to ensuring sex offenders and sex predators comply with the requirements of Florida law. Registration locations will remain open unless it would be unsafe to open them, at which time alternative actions would be taken.

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6. Who can a registrant contact for more information during an emergency?

Our Sex Offender and Predator Unit (SOPU): 352-368-3517, or the Emergency Management Division: 352-732-8181.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM "BILLY" WOODS
SHERIFF OF MARION COUNTY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Timothy McCourt", is written over a horizontal line.

By: Timothy McCourt
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