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Subject: Hurricane Shelter for Registered Sex Offenders

Gail,

I sincerely appreciate you reaching out and requesting this vital emergency preparedness information and assisting in dissemination. The emergency sheltering of sexual offenders in Pasco County is a joint partnership between Pasco County Emergency Management and the Pasco Sheriff's Office to ensure the safety of all residents in Pasco County, regardless of civil legal status. Without further ado, I'll answer the questions as posed:

- (1) Where can registrants evacuate to during a hurricane or natural disaster? Wiregrass Ranch High School, 2909 Mansfield Blvd. Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. This location is also a special needs and pet designated shelter. Those not on supervised release are encouraged to seek shelter with family or friends first (not unlike the general public) before responding to the designated public shelter. The registration office and detectives will remain available pre and post event in the event the private shelter location meets the definition of a registerable residence as defined by FS 943.0435.
- (2) If separate provisions are made for registrants on probation vs. registrants not on probation, what are they? With the exception of no juveniles allowed in the sexual offender area, all persons sheltering are afforded the same opportunities and benefits as any other person seeking shelter.
- (3) If specific shelters have been designated for registrants, what is/are the location of those shelters? See answer to question one.
- (4) Will registrants be separated from their family if seeking shelter in a designated location? Juveniles are not permitted in the area designated for sexual offenders as this may pose a probation condition violation. Adult family members may shelter with RSOs, space permitting. Offenders having minor children should make arrangements to have a parent or guardian available to shelter with the minor children.
- (5) If an evacuation lasts 3 or more days such that the evacuation location becomes a "temporary residence" pursuant to F.S. §943.0435, are your registration locations open

during the hurricane or natural disaster, to enable a registrant to comply with the in-person registration requirement? If not; what provisions are made for compliance? Yes, the registration office will be open and is located in a hardened, generator powered, structure to allow compliancy with FS 943.0435 in the event a registration of a temporary residence is required. Please also note, the designated shelter location is co-staffed with detectives assigned to the Sexual Offender Unit. These detectives are available onsite to update any registered residences (permanent, temporary, or transient) as required by statute.

(6) Who can a registrant contact for more information during an emergency? They may contact their assigned detective or the registration office at 813-235-6170. Please note, all sexual offenders registered in Pasco County are issued a pamphlet (attached) during the first and second quarter registrations of each year outlining the above information.

I hope this information is of assistance and please reach out in the event you have any questions. I've attached a PDF flier which the registrants are issued as mentioned in question 6 above.

Thanks,

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