

GADSDEN COUNTY'S PLANS FOR HURRICANE IRMA

Sheriff Morris A. Young's Press Release
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The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners have declared Gadsden County in a state of emergency and has entered into it's emergency operations as Hurricane Irma is now threatening the Big Bend region. Sheriff Morris Young and the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office urges you to use the following information to keep you and your family safe:

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO SHELTERS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

Gadsden County Emergency Management has provided transportation to Gadsden County shelters. Gadsden County School Board and Big Bend Transit will be providing transportation to all shelters.

BIG BEND TRANSIT WILL BE SUSPENDING FARES AND ALL RIDES ARE FREE.

*****Please be at the following locations by 9:00 am on Sunday, September 10, 2017**

Havana:

- Old Elementary School
- Harvey's

Quincy:

- Piggly Wiggly Parking Lot
- Rose's and Citi Trends Parking Lot
- Capital Regional Hospital - Gadsden Campus

Greensboro/Chattahoochee:

- Sawdust Park
- Chattahoochee Elementary
- Mt. Pleasant Post Office
- Gretna City Hall

Midway:

- Midway City Hall

OPEN SHELTERS IN GADSDEN COUNTY

****ALL SHELTERS WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 AT 8:00 AM****

***All male sex offender's that are on active supervision living in Gadsden County, if they elect to evacuate, will be required to report to the Gadsden County Annex Prison.

***All female sex offenders on active supervision living in Gadsden County, if they elect to evacuate, will be required to report to the Gadsden Correctional Facility in Gretna.

***If the sex offender or sexual predator is not currently being supervised by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Corrections will not be responsible for those offenders.

***Sexual Predators who are not being supervised by DOC, should not be allowed where children congregate i.e. shelters.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION THE GADSDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE AT EACH SHELTER LOCATION.

Havana Middle School

- General Population Shelter
- No pets allowed

Gadsden County High School (old East Gadsden High School)

- Special Needs Shelter (Please bring all medication and necessary medical supplies)
- General Population Shelter
- No pets allowed

West Gadsden Middle School (old West Gadsden High School)

- General Population
- No pets allowed

NOTE: Only medical service animals will be allowed with verifiable paperwork.

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION UPDATES

Hurricane Irma is a slow-moving, Category 4 storm. We offer you the following resources:

- Sign up for ALERT GADSDEN - This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085614822#/signup>

SAND BAG LOCATIONS

- 2 Sandbag Locations - Gadsden County Public Works has begun making sandbags available (Monday – Friday 8am to 4:30 pm) to the public at the following location:
- Edwin Clark Road Sand Pit (Greensboro)
- Post Plant Road Sand Pit (St. Hebron)
- There is a 20-bag limit per vehicle.

For more information contact **Gadsden County Emergency Management at (850) 627-9233.**