



## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **HURRICANE JONES EXERCISE UPDATE 4**

#### **Volusia County under hurricane warning**

Hurricane Jones made landfall as a Category 4 storm in southwest Florida earlier today and is veering toward the northeast. The hurricane's core is expected to cross Volusia County as a Category 1 storm.

As the hurricane moves closer to Volusia County, the tornado threat will increase. Residents can expect tropical-storm-force winds in five hours. Hurricane force winds of 70 mph with gusts up to 100 mph are expected in seven hours. Weather forecasters predict that the county will receive 10 to 15 inches of rainfall, which may cause moderate to severe flooding.

A category one hurricane has sustained winds of 74 to 95 mph. According to the National Hurricane Center, very dangerous winds will produce some damage. Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap, and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.

#### **INFORMATION**

- The Citizens Information Center telephone hotline will be open 24 hours a day. Residents may call [866-345-0345](tel:866-345-0345).
- Updates will be posted at [www.volusia.org/pin](http://www.volusia.org/pin).
- Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive emergency telephone or e-mail notifications from Volusia County's Emergency Management Division at [www.volusia.org/emergency](http://www.volusia.org/emergency).

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