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Sarasota County to hold hurricane drill June 5

Sarasota County Emergency Services will conduct a mock hurricane drill on Thursday, June 5, 2008. The simulation will include a threat from a major storm system that will require the Sarasota County Emergency Operations Center at 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota to be relocated to Wilkinson Elementary School, 3400 Wilkinson Road, Sarasota.

All Emergency Support Function (ESF) teams from Sarasota County government including local municipalities and the Sarasota County school board will relocate to Wilkinson Elementary School.

“The drill is part of our planning process that keeps all Emergency Services staff and Emergency Support Functions teams on top of their game. Hurricane season runs from June to November, but we train year round. The key to surviving a disaster is being prepared,” said Emergency Services General Manager Ed McCrane.

The goal of the exercise is move all Emergency Operations Center functions from the Sarasota County Administration Center to Wilkinson Elementary School, and be operational, within two hours.

For more information about hurricane season, which begins June 1, and making preparations for an emergency, visit the county’s Web site at www.scgov.net and click on the All Hazards button.