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County EOC monitors Hurricane Gustav

Sarasota County Emergency Management will continue to monitor Hurricane Gustav as it moves in a northwest direction into the Southern Gulf of Mexico over the weekend.

This system may bring severe weather to Southwest Florida late this weekend or very early next week. Beachgoers and boaters should exercise caution and anticipate rough seas and possible rip currents.

While the current disturbance does not project any current threat for Sarasota County, Emergency Management Chief Ed McCrane advises residents to take precautions for hazardous weather and make sure disaster supply kits are complete.

Sarasota County Emergency Management is participating in conference calls with the State Emergency Operations Center and the National Hurricane Center. County and city public safety officials met today to discuss plans for taking action should the forecast track shift and pose a threat to the west coast of Florida.

No closures or advisories have been issued for Sarasota County.

Residents and visitors can monitor local media for storm updates or visit www.scgov.net and click on All Hazards for more information.