



**Captiva**  
Hurricane Preparation  
& Response Committee

Hurricane Preparation Summary 2007  
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	Area of Interest	What We Are Doing	What You Should Do	What You Should Know
<b>Before a Storm</b>	SSI Volunteers	Training occurred in March 2007 for volunteers. There was a successful mock drill in April to test the system.	Sign up if you are interested. We always need volunteers.	The SSI volunteers will go back to the island after a storm and assess the extent of damage. Before a storm they may be asked to help with evacuation. They will not go inside buildings. Chief Halverson will command them. Training is required.
	Hurricane Preparation Materials	We have sent the CCA and CPOA electronic versions of the EOC Make Your Own Family Hurricane Plan. Hard copies of this document and the All Hazards Guide are available at the Library and Fire Station	Complete the plan. Gather your own supplies	
	Letter to Home Owners and Renters	The 2007 letter asking home owners to take precautions including alerting renters has been circulated and is on the website www.mycaptiva.info. There is also a draft letter that can be completed and sent in with names.	Be sure you have a plan to alert guests or renters to be alert during hurricane season. Have a plan to evacuate renters. If you sent a letter last year and the authorized people are the same you do not need to resend.	Rental agencies differ in their services and plans to inform and evacuate renters.
	Storm information	Storm updates will be on our website www.mycaptiva.info. You can sign up for emailed updates.	Be sure you are on an email list Find a list of web sites to check. Check www.mycaptiva.info for up to date information Check the EOC web site for the latest status of the storm, services and access.	Lee County will move to a level 2 emergency status and begin to execute an emergency plan when the county is in a 72 hour storm cone We will receive advisories from the EOC and other county agencies If evacuation is ordered the Fire Department will fly a red hurricane flag to indicate mandatory evacuation. They and law enforcement officials will follow with the reverse 911 and door to door evacuation notice.
	Hurricane Pass	We have confirmed passes are available from the Sanibel City Hall and are available now through a form on line at www.mysanibel.com. Only hang tags are available this year. Proof of residency is required	Get your hurricane pass. Captiva is zone 11. Go to city forms and you will see both instructions and the form to fax or mail in.	You must have a hurricane pass to cross Sanibel and enter Captiva after a storm when evacuation has occurred. Remember you need to authorize anyone else who might check your home by faxing the names.
	Training for Hurricane Preparation	The meeting was April 11, 2007 at the Community Center 2:00. Many materials are on our website	Come to the meeting. If you miss it, check the website	
	Hot Line	South Seas Resort is providing an 800 number which will be available after a storm for residents to call for information. The number will be listed on the website when available		
	Storm Ready Designation	We are working on designating Captiva Island as a Storm Ready Community. When we know if we are accepted, we will provide information	Check their website to learn more www.stormready.noaa.gov/	StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through better planning, education, and awareness. No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives



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<b>During and After a Storm</b>	Local information	Local volunteers will supplement official channels with information during and after a storm, as it is safe and possible. This will be available through our normal email lists/web sites.	Be sure you are on an email list to which we send updates	
	Meeting center in Ft Myers	We are looking for a location in the Ft. Myers area. It will be listed on the website when identified.	Check your email and mycaptiva.info before a storm	
	Information point after a major storm	If an evacuation is ordered and there is a period of time when people are only allowed on the island with passes, we will set up an information point at the Library. This is dependent on the nature of the storm, damage and availability of a generator.	Check your email during a storm.	Lt. Poppalardo and Chief Halverson will be in charge of any resources deployed to Captiva. All disposition is at their request and command.
	Information about services and access	Obviously, this will be specific to a storm. The Lee County EOC has agreed to support a Captiva/Sanibel specific area on its web site. We will continue to send information as we receive it to our usual lists and web sites. Lt. Poppalardo will communicate information from the Geographic Incident Command post to us to include in our email and website. In event of an evacuation we will have an 800# hotline to assist in finding hotel rooms. That number will be on the website.	Check your email and our website during a storm. The Visitors and Convention Bureau recommends you establish a relationship with a hotel before you need to evacuate.	The Lee County EOC will put emergency plans into effect when a level 2 emergency is declared, normally around when the county is within a 72 hours cone of a storm. Continuous broadcasting from the EOC will be covered on Lee County Television (cable channel 11). The web site for the EOC will be updated daily. The Visitors and Convention Bureau will provide the number.
	Access to people checking your home	We have developed a system to file requests for access with the Lee County Sheriff's Department	If access is limited and you want someone to check your house after a storm you must inform the Fire Department in advance. Send or fax a letter with the person(s) name and your signature to the Fire Station. (We suggest you also copy the person) A draft letter is on the website and at the library	The list of persons on this list will be available to the first responders at the check point on Captiva after a storm.