



## News Release

### 3rd Annual Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Expo Saturday May 31st

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A team of hurricane/crisis management experts will be featured at the 3rd Annual Broward County Hurricane Expo on Saturday, May 31 at the Emergency Operations Center located at 201 NW 84th Avenue in Plantation. The event is free for residents.

The expo takes place from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At Noon, Broward County Emergency Management Director Chuck Lanza will emcee the main program with speakers from Federal, State, County and Municipal governments.

Broward County Mayor Lois Wexler, Plantation Mayor Rae Carol Armstrong, FEMA Administrator R. David Paulison, National Hurricane Center Director Bill Read, former National Hurricane Director and WPLG-TV Hurricane Specialist Max Mayfield and Broward League of Cities President (incoming) Margaret Bates are the featured speakers.

In addition, more than 40 exhibits focusing on hurricane preparedness will be on display beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Highlights include:

Exhibit by Broward County's Human Services Department

- Important information on Special Medical Needs shelters
- Informational handouts on "Disaster Planning Tips for Caregivers of the Elderly and People With Disabilities" and "Think Nutrition During the Hurricane Season"

Exhibit by Broward County's Office of Transportation  
(Broward County Transit)

- Information on bus service when an evacuation is ordered, including special needs requirements.
- General information on Broward County Transit and the cost-saving aspects of riding transit

Exhibit by Broward County Consumer Affairs

Variety of consumer information in English, Spanish and Creole including:

- Disaster tips
- Home improvement information
- Guarding against price gouging and consumer fraud after a disaster
- Repairing your home after a disaster

Exhibit by Florida Department of Financial Services -  
Division of Consumer Services

- Information on My Safe Florida Home program regarding free mitigation inspections
- Consumer guide to homeowners insurance (available types of coverage, what to do after a loss, consumer rights and responsibilities)
- Homeowners Inventory Checklist
- Hurricane Toolkit - a workbook with hurricane preparedness tips

Hurricane preparedness demonstrations will also be featured on the main stage throughout the day. Tours of the Emergency Operations Center will be available and a drawing will be held for a free Emergency Preparedness Gift

Basket.

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

- Live demonstrations throughout the day
- "Kids Zone" for Broward's youngest residents - art, balloons and goody bags
- Learn more about registration for important emergency services including Vulnerable Population Registry, Special Medical Needs Shelters and Evacuation Transportation, Hurricane Update e-Mail System and more!

For more information, call 954-831-4000 • TTY for hearing impaired 954-831-3940 or visit [www.broward.org/hurricane](http://www.broward.org/hurricane).

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