

Ladies and Gents,

The NWS has updated their Severe Wx Briefing at <https://www.weather.gov/media/mhx/LatestBriefing.pdf> . Some highlights from their staff in Newport:

-As we've all heard, the storm is stalled off the FLA coast. When it turns north it will speed up, lose some strength (but still be a very destructive storm), and grow in size.

-For this storm the NWS is emphasizing storm surge more than any other tropical event I have seen. We all need to ensure that every property on the canal is ready for seawall breaching, boats are adequately secured, and gear on docks is removed. If you live on the Sound, expect the water as close to the house as we saw in Irene....maybe closer. For those on the ocean, get everything you can to high ground. Marinas need to be ready for high water levels.

-No one should be near the ocean. The RIP is deadly right now. The island had another rip-current fatality this past weekend.

-NWS has increased confidence with the existing track, but reminded all that anywhere in the cone is where the center of the storm could pass.

-NWS recommends that everyone has their preparations complete by 8PM Wednesday. The arrival of tropical force winds will be shortly thereafter.

Tomorrow morning at 8AM Mayor Jones will declare a State of Emergency in PKS.