



News Release

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Escambia County- Hurricane Ivan Update Early Damage Reports

- The four hospitals in Escambia County have sustained significant damage: Sacred Heart Hospital, West Florida Hospital, Baptist Hospital and Navy Hospital. The most important thing is that all patients and staff are safe. Hospital personnel have been able to secure the damaged areas and relocate people within the facility, where necessary.
- Two public shelters in Escambia County sustained damage, the Civic Center and West Florida High School. Two "stand-by" shelters (that were not open to the public) received some damage, Workman Middle and Bellview Elementary. One of the shelters specifically for Navy Personnel received some minor damage, Blue Angel Elementary. Everyone is safe although some people have been moved within the shelter location.
- Gulf Power reports that 136,800 customers in Escambia County are without power.
- The Escambia County Sheriff's Office which houses the Emergency Operations Center has sustained some minor damage and mechanical problems however it is still able to function at full capacity.
- Only general information calls should be made to the Citizens Information Line.

Citizen Information Line
(850) 595-3344

- Please visit the Emergency Management website at www.escambiaemergency.com for information on what can be taken to shelters, protective actions and other information relating to Hurricane Ivan.