



## *News Release*

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Hurricane Ivan Update # 24  
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- The Florida Department of Transportation has announced that the I-10 Bridge across Escambia Bay between Scenic Highway and Avalon Boulevard is closed.
- The Florida Department of Transportation has announced that the Highway 90 Bridge just west of Pace is closed.
- The curfew in Escambia County is **not** being lifted at 8:00am this morning. It is being extended until further notice. All residents need to remain at their present location until the curfew is lifted. Residents can check their personal property, but should not be on the roadways. Only law enforcement personnel and emergency responders should be traveling the roadways during the day today.
- Anyone who evacuated the area should stay where they are. Residents will not be allowed back into the area until such time as deemed safe to do so.
- The Escambia County Citizens Information line is down. We will alert you once phone service has been reestablished.
- Emergency Medical Services will begin responding to the prioritized emergency calls from the overnight hours and transporting patients to area hospitals as the soon as the winds subside to a safe level.
- City and County offices are still closed. City Sanitation service is closed. City and County employees should monitor news media for information on when to return to work.
- Work crews for Gulf Power, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA), and other utilities will begin responding to assess damage and restore service later today. Every attempt will be made to restore utilities as soon as possible.
- Homeowners operating generators are reminded to operate them outdoors in a well-ventilated area to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and death.