

# **Recap 2025**

## **VGRC Hurricane Preparation Meeting**

Date: June 2, 2025

Hosted by: Hurricane Response Team Leader Mary Rau-Foster, along with members of the VGRCCA, C.D.D., P.O.A., and Community Association

### **Key Presentations**

- 2024 Hurricane Recap & 2025 Forecast presented by:
  - Sarasota County Emergency Management
  - Venice Fire Chief (Sarasota County)
  - Assistant City Manager (City of Venice)

### **Follow-Up Meeting**

A follow-up session will be held for:

- New residents
- Clarifying the roles of the VGRCCA Volunteer Hurricane Response Team

### **Private Hurricane Facebook Page**

Join our private Facebook page: [Hurricane Corner Facebook Group](#)

- Purpose: Faster and more direct communication before, during, and after storms

- Family and friends may also join (by invite)
- Approval requires answering a short question
- Need help joining? Contact Community Association webmaster Joe Browne at [vgrccaweb@gmail.com](mailto:vgrccaweb@gmail.com)

### **Key Priorities Discussed**

- County responsibilities and available services before, during, and after storms
- Importance of creating a personal hurricane plan, whether you:
  - Stay home
  - Evacuate early
  - Shelter with neighbors

**Helpful planning links can be found at: VGRC Community Association Hurricane Corner Website**

### **Important Takeaways**

- First responders cannot respond when winds exceed 45 mph, but emergency hotlines will still collect and track calls.
- This is crucial for residents with medical needs or electricity-dependent devices.
- Flood insurance is recommended, even in low-risk zones—storm surge is unpredictable.
- New evacuation shelter announced, located closer to VGRC.

- Evacuation should be your last resort if you are well-prepared at home.
- Expect power and phone outages. Some neighbors with generators may offer help to those without.

**We encourage all residents to:**

- Join the VGRCCA Hurricane Corner Facebook group
- Visit and bookmark the VGRCCA Hurricane Corner website
- Sign up for alerts at Alert Sarasota County

**Together, we can stay safe and prepared**

## Check out these important Links!

Download the City of Venice [2025 Hurricane Guide](#), which includes a checklist for an emergency kit.

Are you ready for the next hurricane? Prepare at [ready.gov](#).

Plan and prepare at [FloridaDisaster.org](#).

Download Sarasota County's [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#).

Prepare your emergency kit by visiting our [Emergency Kit Guide](#).

Track storms in real time with [NOAA](#).

For evacuation information visit [the City's guidance on Evacuation and Shelter](#).

To find out your evacuation level visit the [Sarasota County Evacuation Level Map](#).

To find out your flood zone, check out our [Flood Zone Map](#).

Other disasters may occur from a hurricane, so it's important to learn about those disasters by visiting our [Weather and Disaster Information](#) website.

Keep emergency contacts and disaster contacts available, by visiting our website [Disaster Contact Information](#).

Download [What to Do Before and After a Disaster Brochure](#).