

City of Venice

2025

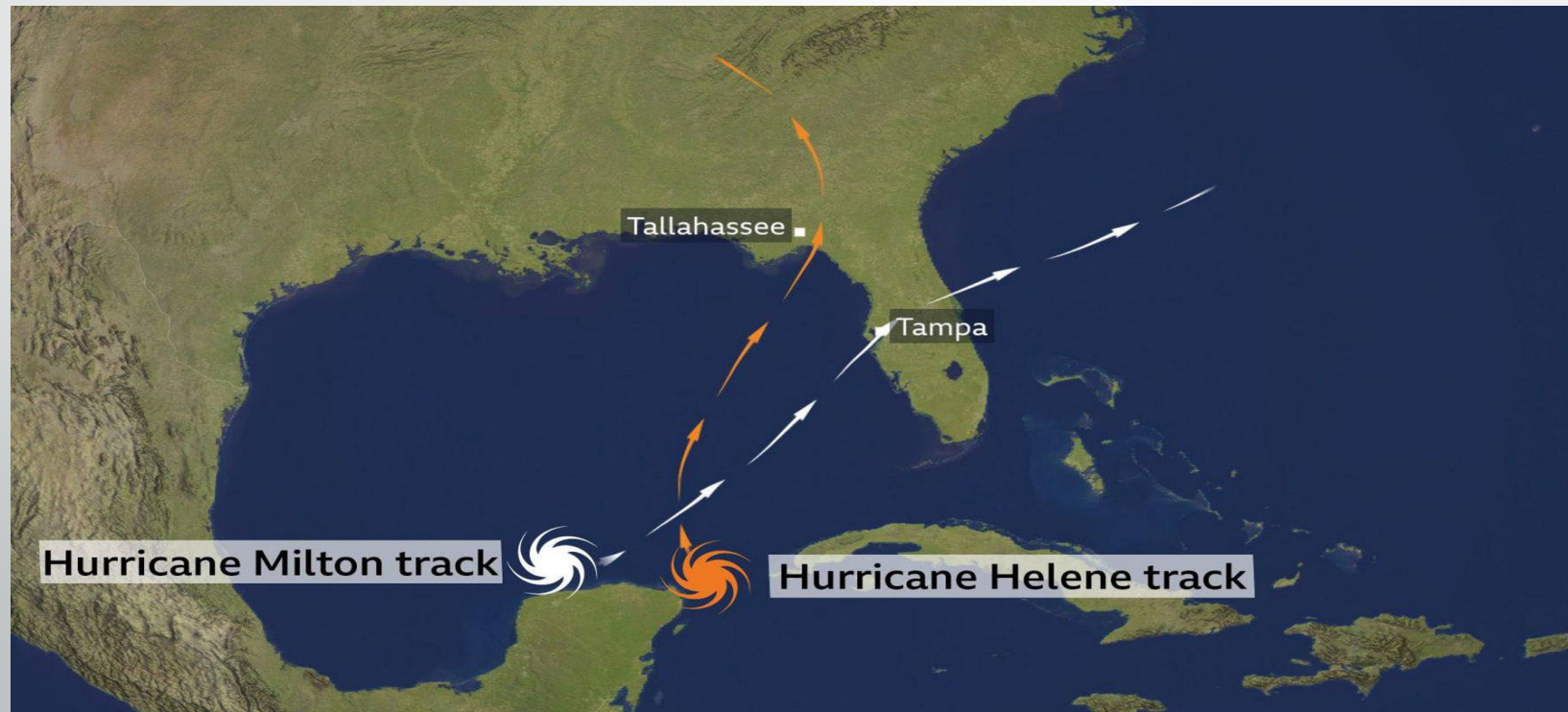


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HURRICANE GUIDE

Pre/During/Post Storm

<https://www.venicegov.com>



2025 Hurricane Season

| 2025 Hurricane Season Outlook | | Atlantic Basin | |
|-------------------------------|----|----------------|-------------|
| Colorado State University | | Average | 2024 Season |
| Total Named | 17 | 14 | 18 |
| Hurricanes | 9 | 7 | 11 |
| Cat 3 + | 4 | 3 | 5 |

Storm Surge

**What is a
storm surge?**



Surge Impacts in Venice



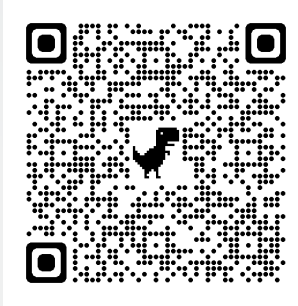
Surge Impacts Continued








“Stay Informed”

- <https://www.venicegov.com/government/fire/weather-and-disaster-information/hurricane-information>
- <https://www.venicegov.com/government/engineering/floodplain-management>
- Prepare to be “Self Sufficient” as much as possible & “Have a Plan ”
- Be familiar with “Local Media & City Web sites”

<https://www.alertsarasotacounty.com/>



Weather Data Based Websites

| | | |
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| City Website | | venicegov.com |
| City Social Media | | @CityofVeniceFL    |
| All emergency information is posted to the City of Venice Facebook | | |
| Local TV News | Cable | Antenna |
| ABC Action News | 28 | 28.1 |
| ABC 7 Suncoast View | 7 | 40.1 |
| Channel 10 Tampa Bay | 10 | 10.1 |
| Fox 13 Tampa Bay | 13 | 13.1 |
| News Channel 8 | 8 | 8.1 |
| SNN Suncoast News Network | 6 | 39.1 |
| WINK News | 11 | 11.1 |
| Sarasota County Emergency Services on government access TV Comcast/Xfinity Channel 19 and Frontier Channel 32 | | |
| Local Print Newspapers | | |
| Venice Gondolier |  | @VeniceGondolier |
| Sarasota Herald Tribune |  | @HeraldTribune |
| Local Radio News & Networks | | |
| iHeart Radio | 92.1 FM | WCTQ |
| | 105.9 FM | WTZB |
| | 107.9 FM | WSRZ |
| | 1320 AM | WDIZ |
| WENG Radio | 107.5 FM | |
| | 98.1 FM | |
| | 1530 AM | |
| NOAA Weather Radio | 162.40 MHZ to 162.55 MHZ | |
| Distress/ Raise Marina/Vessel | VHF Channel 16 | |
| Bridge Tender | VHF Channel 9 | |
| Weather | VHF Channel 2 | |
| Florida Public Radio Emergency Network | 88.5 FM | |

Know Your Plan

- Build a “Supply Kit”
- <https://www.venicegov.com/government/fire/weather-and-disaster-information/emergency-kits>
- Know your Evacuation Level & Flood Zone
- <https://geo.venicefl.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/data/app/adcb0117e84c45e8b83bfcf96e378b10>
- Flood Insurance
- <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>

Hurricane Evacuation Centers & Transportation Plan

<https://www.venicegov.com/>

Going to an evacuation center should always be considered a last-resort measure

| Hurricane Evacuation Centers | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Taylor Ranch Elementary School | 2500 Taylor Ranch Tr. (off U.S. 41), South Venice |
| North Port High School | 6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port |
| Heron Creek Middle School | 6501 W. Price Blvd., North Port |
| Woodland Middle School | 2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port |
| Atwater Elementary School | 4701 Huntsville Ave., North Port |
| Fruitville Elementary School | 601 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota |
| Brookside Middle School | 3636 S. Shade Ave., Sarasota |
| Southside Elementary School | 1901 Webber St., Sarasota |
| Riverview High School | 1 Ram Way, Sarasota |
| Booker High School | 3201 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota |
| Phillippi Shores Elementary School | 4747 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota |
| Gulf Gate Elementary School | 6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota |

Transportation Plan (Hurricane Evacuation Centers)

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If you cannot drive to an evacuation center

Sarasota County will provide bus transportation for you and your pets (along with a limited amount of supplies) to and from a general population evacuation center. This program is activated only when Sarasota County has a declared county emergency, an activation is ordered, and evacuation centers are opened. Transportation will be offered at designated rally points throughout the county.



RALLY POINTS SOUTH COUNTY



Englewood

[Buchan Airport](#)
[Community Park](#)

1200 Old Englewood Road



Safe To Return

- Red, yellow, green conditions.

CURRENT LEVEL — RED

RED

- Unsafe.
- Emergency services may not be available.
- Extensive damage limiting travel.
- Access limited to residents and business owners. Proper ID required. Enter at your own risk.

CURRENT LEVEL — YELLOW

YELLOW

- Power out, trees and power lines down. Traffic lights may be out.
- Potential damage to drinking and wastewater systems.
- Safety precautions required.
- Limit travel to essential needs.

CURRENT LEVEL — GREEN

GREEN

- No limiting factors.
- Safe for the general public.
- All clear.

City Emergency Operations Overview

- City activated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)
- Activation of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) coordinated all efforts
- Sarasota County, State, and FEMA supported response
- Emergency Declaration: All staff, all departments are essential and shift into designated emergency role



Success Before the Storm(s)

- Early storm monitoring and emergency declarations
- Pre-storm coordination with Sarasota County, state, and federal partners
- EOC Preparation: Staff, resources, emergency procurement
- City Preparation: facilities, pre-staging equipment, personnel, TFIT teams
- Sandbag stations: 20,000+ sandbags, 600 CY of sand
- Public Notifications: Everbridge alerts, social media, PSAs and door-to-door warnings



Success During the Storm(s)

- City EOC coordination with City Liaisons at County EOC – Resource Requests
- Public safety response prep: monitoring, GIS incident mapping, resource staging, damage assessment
- Critical facilities including the Water Plant and Fire Station 2 successfully evacuated
- Public Outreach and Communication

Success After the Storm(s)

- Every Department has a recovery role
- Search and rescue operations
- Rapid roadway clearing: TFIT teams deployed and contractor assistance
- Utility restoration (water & sewer)
- Citywide Damage Assessment
- Debris management activated
- Recovery assistance
- Public information: Continuous updates



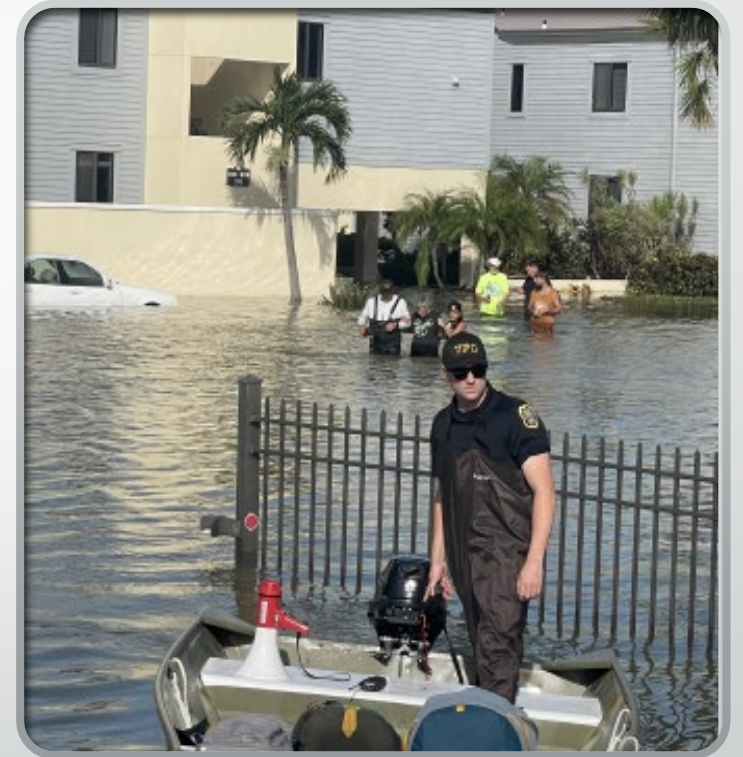
Key Observations

1. Intergovernmental coordination enhanced response and recovery
2. Emergency policies and procedures were well-implemented
3. Public communication effectively informed residents
4. Low evacuation compliance in Helene led to high-risk rescues
5. Damage assessments highlighted vulnerabilities in coastal zones



Key Observations Continued

6. Permitting and floodplain regulations challenged building staff capacity
7. New technology improved emergency response and damage assessment
8. City facilities performed well, but Fire Station 2 and Water Plant faced issues
9. City staffing levels strained due to back-to-back hurricanes
10. Contractors and vendor services were critical to the rapid response



Recommendations

- Policies and Procedures Revisions
- Strengthen Intergovernmental & Public Communication
- Infrastructure & Facility Resilience: Water Plant, Fire Station 2
- Resource & Logistics Management
- Enhanced Recovery: Streamline FEMA compliance, building permitting, debris management
- Staffing & Support: Increased training, staffing support, private contractor support



Conclusions

- Greatest impacts the City of Venice has received in recorded history
- City outperformed previous storm events on all fronts
- Improvement is the primary goal of this AAR
- Recommendations: assigned to departments for implementation
- Pursue projects and grants for infrastructure improvements and resilience



Questions!

