



## **CITY OF DELRAY BEACH**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release:**

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**May 26, 2006**

### **CITY OF DELRAY BEACH PREPARES TO COMMUNICATE WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS BY WAY OF CITY EMERGENCY RADIO STATION**

Should a hurricane or any serious emergency occur in Delray Beach, the City's Emergency Operations Center will be transmitting information, instructions and advising residents on the emergency's status by way of a low-power City radio station.

WQEY255 is the call letter designation of a 10 watt Emergency Radio Advisory System purchased from Information Station Specialists of Zeeland, Michigan, at a cost of \$35,000.00. The installation of the station's transmitter, antennae and work station takes place the first week of June, 2006, followed by a training period for Fire-Rescue personnel and the Public Information Office. The radio station should be operational and on the air by the end of June.

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This local low-power AM radio station will operate on the AM frequency of 1620; the very right end of the AM spectrum and easy to locate on the radio dial. Transmission will cover approximately 20 square miles which encompasses the entire City of Delray Beach and the seashore. Delray Beach Emergency 1620 AM Radio will be posted on signage on main streets throughout the City and notices will be sent via utility bills, the monthly News For Neighborhoods, text messages on Community Television, Channel 98, fliers distributed in the City's parks and public places and notification to the membership of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce.

WQEY255, Delray Beach Emergency 1620 AM Radio will be live during emergencies, but will also operate 24/7 to provide current local information on City Commission meetings, construction and road detours, special event and festival street closures, non-profit and neighborhood activities. This continuity will be pre-recorded in a half-hour format with 10 minute segments in English, Spanish and Creole and updated weekly.

Delray Beach Emergency 1620 AM Radio will be the source of the latest and best information available for local residents during and after a hurricane with the recovery period being of particular importance: **(more . . . .)**

. . . . debris removal, water pressure and quality, damage assessment, water and ice distribution locations, information coming from the Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center in West Palm advisories will be broadcast continuously.

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce is arranging to provide immediate information on the availability of gas stations, grocery stores, supermarkets and pharmacies. All of this information will be channeled through Delray Beach Emergency 1620 AM Radio. The Delray Beach Emergency Operations Center is located at the main Fire-Rescue Headquarters Station on Atlantic Avenue. Their phone number is (561) 243-7400.

For more information, please call Ivan Ladizinsky, (561) 243-7009.

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**August 29, 2006**

**3:00 PM**

### **DELRAY BEACH MAY EXPERIENCE FULL FORCE OF TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO**

Tropical Storm Ernesto is still on track to move up through Miami-Dade and Broward Counties and along the western section of Palm Beach County late tonight and early tomorrow (Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>) morning. The indications are, at this time, that with Delray Beach on the easterly quadrant of the tropical storm, this area is likely to receive the strongest winds and heavy rainfall. Miami Hurricane center projects the heaviest wind and rain to occur at approximately 3:00 AM, Wednesday and continue throughout the day into early afternoon. Winds could reach over 60 MPH and rainfall could accumulate 10 inches and more.

Following the 2:00 PM conference call today with officials at the Palm Beach Emergency Operations Center, municipalities have been informed that all Intracostal bridges have been locked down until further notice. Evacuation remains voluntary and shelters, including Atlantic Community High School in Delray Beach, are now receiving those in need. FPL advises that power disruptions are likely and to report outages, call 1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243). Depending on damage assessments and debris blocking streets, garbage and trash collection **may** resume on regularly scheduled routes Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Delray Beach City Hall remains closed through Wednesday. The Delray Beach Emergency Operations Center is to be activated tonight (Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>) at 8:00 PM and continue to operate throughout the day Wednesday. Updated messages will be recorded on the Delray Hurricane Information phone at 243-7840 and **current conditions will be reported on Delray Beach Emergency Radio at 1620 AM.** The City's web-site, **mydelraybeach.com** Hurricane section has NOAA and Crown Weather service satellite images of the storm's track updated four times daily.

Service stations with power to provide fuel in Delray Beach are Mobil Oil at 16000 S. Military Trail, Seacrest-Shell at 3199 S. Federal Highway and Boca Delray Service at 4970, W. Atlantic Avenue.

There has been no curfew announced at this time. The Historic Districts Summary meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in City Hall will go on as planned. To contact the Delray Beach EOC, call (561) 243-7400. Media releases will be issued as required.

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