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Changes to the Barrier Island Re-Entry Process After a Hurricane

Effective with the 2019 Hurricane Season that begins on June 1, residents and property owners of both North and South Hutchinson Island will no longer need a Barrier Island Re-Entry Placard following evacuation for a hurricane.

Once a storm has passed and county officials determine it is safe to access the barrier islands, residents and/or homeowners will be required to stop at the check-point and present two documents to justify their access. These documents include a utility bill, insurance declaration or property tax statement along with a government-issued photo identification.

Property management staff or employees that need to access the island should obtain a letter on company letterhead stating their name and purpose for entering the island and should also provide a government-issued photo identification. Employers and/or management companies can call the Crime Prevention Unit at (772) 871-5303 to have your employees added to a registration list.

Anyone with questions regarding this process may contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (772) 871-5303.

ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.