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2014 HURRICANE SEASON ENDS TODAY

~Florida Residents and Visitors Encouraged to Check, Re-stock Supply Kits~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) marked the end of a relatively quiet 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season today by reminding Floridians that emergency preparedness does not end with the hurricane season.

“This year marks the ninth in a row that we’ve not been hit by a land-falling hurricane, said FDEM Director Bryan W. Koon. “With such a long period between storms, everyone needs to check and update their hurricane supplies, as some items may have expired. Don’t get complacent, and prepare for potential hazards outside of hurricane season,” said Koon.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season lasts from June 1 to November 30. This is the period when oceanic and atmospheric conditions are most conducive to the formation of tropical depressions, tropical storms and ultimately to hurricanes.

The 2014 Hurricane Season passed as expected. There were eight named tropical systems, six of which became hurricanes, with two of those becoming major hurricanes.

Hurricane Arthur, the first of the season, passed within 86 miles off the Florida coastline before making landfall in North Carolina.

The lower level of activity has been attributed to a number of atmospheric conditions, including strong vertical wind shear, higher atmospheric stability and drier air across the tropical Atlantic.

The end of hurricane season marks the beginning of Florida’s severe weather and wildfire seasons. During the winter and spring months, strong cold fronts typically move through the state, sending drier and cooler air masses to Florida, which may lead to drier soils and increased wildfire potential. These same cold fronts can also enhance the statewide threat of severe weather – especially tornadoes.

Disaster supply kits should include a NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio. This portable radio alerts listeners to warnings of possible tornadoes, severe storms and potential for wildfire. An alternate method to receive weather alerts, such as using a text message service that sends warnings directly to your cellular phone, is also advised.

For additional information about the Florida Division of Emergency Management and severe weather in Florida, visit Floridadisaster.org.

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