

Hurricane preparedness forum planned

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The city of Ormond Beach and Citizens for Ormond Beach will sponsor a hurricane preparedness forum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 24.

The first hour of the forum will take place in the City Commission Chambers with presentations by city and county emergency officials, who will also take questions from the audience.

The event will also include a free barbecue lunch and displays of

emergency equipment. Tours of the city's mobile command center and other emergency equipment will be offered.

The forum will cover family preparedness tips, insurance information and evacuation procedures for hurricanes, wildfires and other emergencies. Information provided will be specific to Ormond Beach. Emergency preparedness guides and other handouts will also be available.

Speakers will include: Mike Longfellow, Ormond Beach police chief; Barry

Baker, fire chief; Jim Ryan, Volusia County emergency management director; the state Department of Forestry; Florida Power and Light and state insurance regulators.

The event will be held at City Hall, 22 S. Beach St., Ormond Beach.

A live and recorded audio Web cast of the forum will be available on the city's Web site, www.ormondbeach.org.

For more information, call (386) 673-7768 or (386) 615-7021.