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Barrier Islands Virtual Hurricane Summit Offered on June 4

Madeira Beach –Pinellas County Emergency Management (PCEM) is partnering with Madeira Beach and our neighboring communities to present a Barrier Islands Virtual Preparedness Summit on Thursday, June 4, from 6 – 7 p.m.

When do I evacuate? When do they close the bridges? Where is my shelter? Can I bring my pets? These are just some of the important questions that come up each hurricane season. Forecasters are predicting a busy season with several named storms. Planning for a storm is important and planning for a major storm in a COVID-19 environment raises a lot of questions. Our panel of experts will give you the answers!

- Indian Shores Mayor Pat Soranno, Pres., Barrier Islands Governmental Council
- Cathie Perkins, Director, Pinellas County Emergency Management
- Chief Mike Burton, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue
- Captain Nick Lazaris, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- Mecca Serfustini, Pinellas County Emergency Management
- Joe Primosch, Commander U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-3
- Bobby Deskins, Chief Meteorologist, WTSP Ch. 10

PCEM Community Engagement Specialist, Mary Burrell, will moderate the discussion. During the online event, participants will be able to engage with the panelists through Q&A, chat and polling features. The webinar will also be recorded and made available online.

The event will be broadcast on Zoom, which can be used with any smartphone, laptop, tablet or computer. Registration is required. Follow this link to sign up, <https://tinyurl.com/ya3upycf>. A registration confirmation with step by step instructions on how to watch, listen or even join the conversation will be sent to you.

For more information, contact Curt Preisser, City of Madeira Beach Public Information Officer at 727-391-9951 x299 or cpreisser@madeirabeachfl.gov.

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