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## **Palmetto Bay Village Hall Staff Gears Up for Busy Hurricane Season**

***The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
predicts high probability for several hurricanes in 2010***

**PALMETTO BAY, Fla.**, (June 4, 2010) – Palmetto Bay department directors gathered Friday morning to discuss the hurricane season and make the necessary preparations to protect Village residents in the face of potential crises.

According to NOAA forecasts, there is a 70 percent probability in the Atlantic Basin for 14 to 23 named storms with winds reaching or exceeding 39 miles per hour. Among those storms, eight to 14 could be classified as hurricanes with winds reaching 74 miles per hour and three to seven hurricanes rated as a Category 3, 4 or 5 with winds of at least 111 miles per hour.

Village Manager Ron Williams led Friday's meeting, gathering and sharing information with representatives from various departments, including Parks, Public Works, Police, and Public Information as everyone worked to fine-tune Village emergency operation plans.

Topics included hurricane preparation, recovery, and debris clean-up, as well as preliminary and post-storm communication plans and traffic flow contingencies at major intersections. Information is presently available on the Village website (Disaster Preparedness page) and will be updated as the season progresses.

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