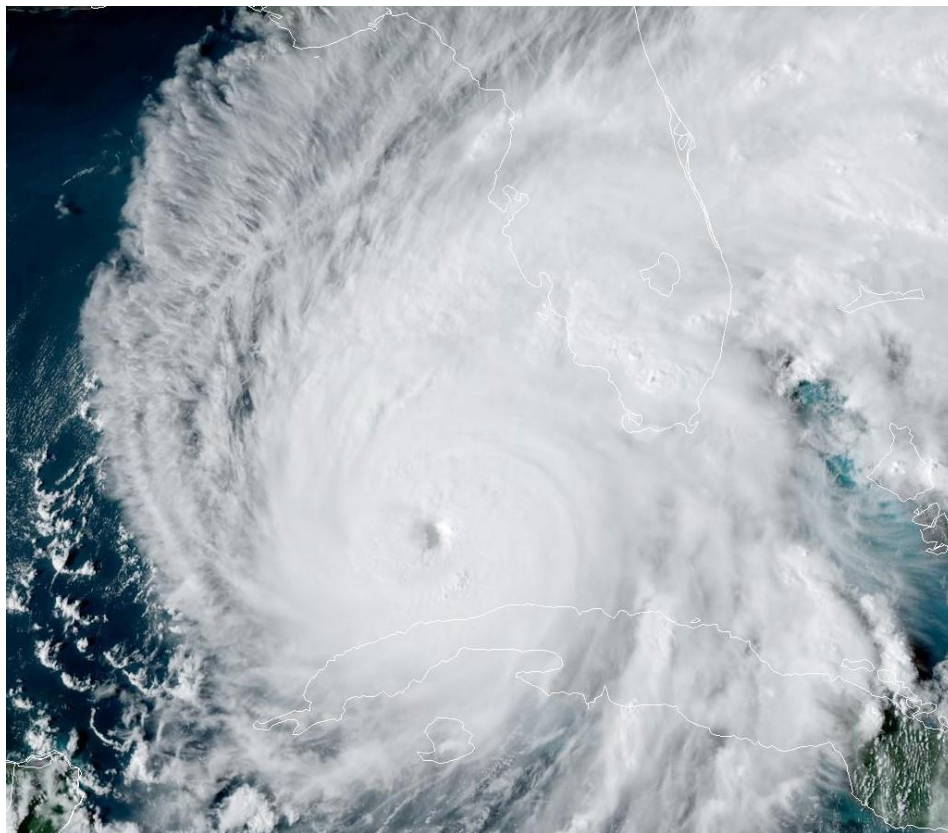


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Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week - 2023

February 6th - February 10th



Visible GOES-17 Satellite Picture of Hurricane Ian approaching Florida

February 3rd, 2023: Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week is a joint collaboration between the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and the National Weather Service (NWS). This year, Florida Severe Weather Awareness week will run from February 6th to the 10th. Each day of the week information will be shared about the specific weather hazard being highlighted that day. The information will be published on the [NWS Miami web site](http://www.weather.gov/miami) as well as on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



On **Monday, February 6th**, the highlighted hazard will be [lightning](#). According to the NWS, lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times on average every year! Florida leads the country in the density of lightning strikes. As thunderstorms are a common occurrence during our rainy season, it is always important to remain weather aware and to remember: **when thunder roars, go indoors!**

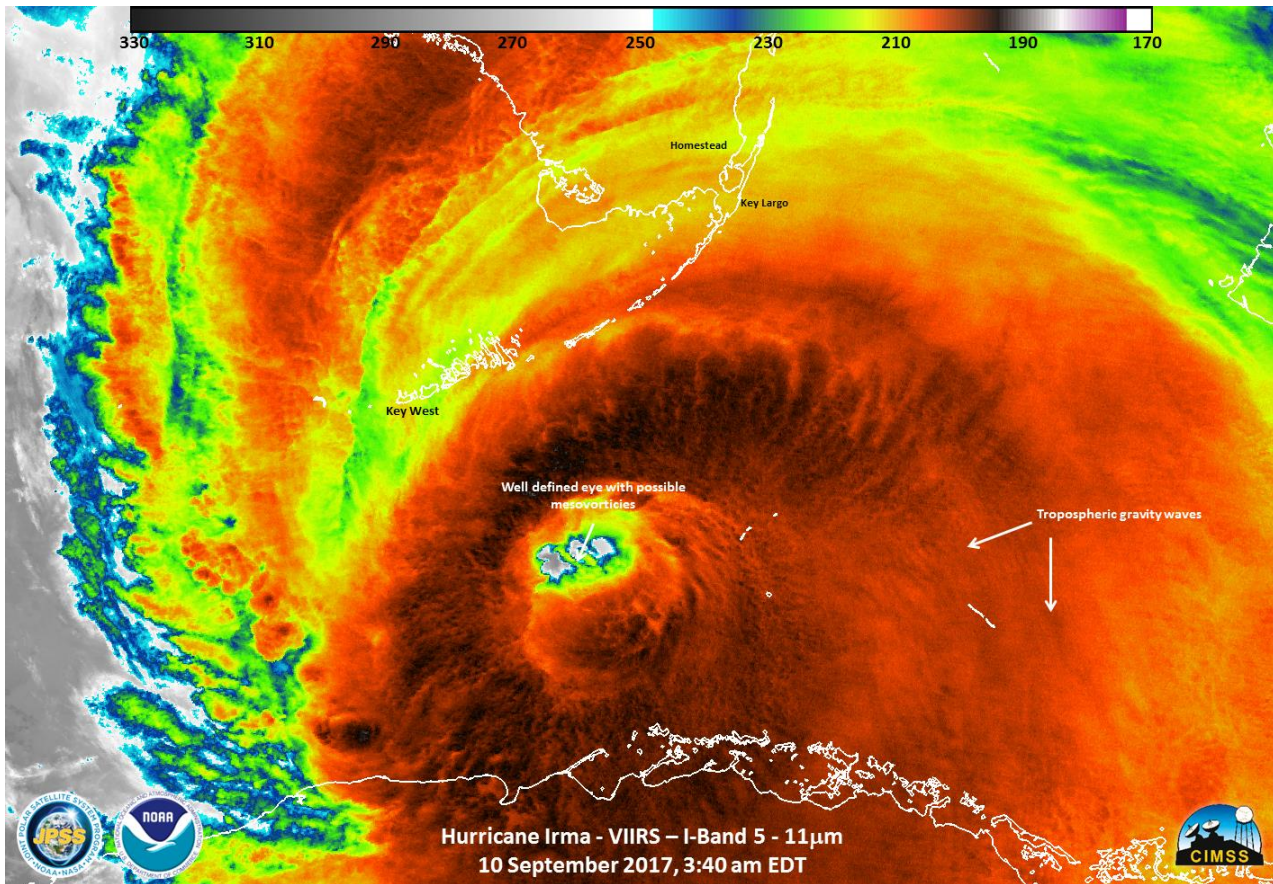


On **Tuesday, February 7th** , [marine hazards](#) and [rip currents](#) will be discussed. Hazardous marine conditions can pose significant risks to life and property. It is therefore important to be aware of hazards like high surf and rip currents, and how to take life-saving action if encountering such conditions.



Wednesday, February 8th will cover [tornadoes and thunderstorms](#). If you know what to do before, during, and after a tornado, you will minimize your risk of injury and increase your chances of survival.

Note: A tornado drill will be conducted for the South Florida region on February 8th at 10 AM EST.



Thursday, February 9th will highlight [hurricanes](#) and [flooding](#). 2022 was a stark reminder that South Florida is no stranger to impacts from tropical cyclones, and it is always important to remain weather aware and up to date on the latest forecasts during the Atlantic hurricane season. Flooding is also a potential weather hazard in South

Florida, and can be brought on by regular daytime thunderstorms or longer duration events.



Friday, February 10th will end the week with [heat](#), [cold](#) and [wildfire](#) threats being discussed.

More detailed information will be provided throughout the week in the daily articles dealing with each weather hazard. Visit [NWS Miami website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for updates.

