

FLORIDA HAZARDOUS WEATHER BY DAY (to 1994)

JULY

1 1963 - afternoon - Hillsborough Co., Tampa - Lightning killed two people and injured one.

1 1973 - 1600 - Lake Co., Groveland - Lightning killed a man just as his boat reached a landing ramp after returning from a fishing trip.

1 1987 - Pasco Co., Anclote - Lightning killed a 16 year old on a boat ramp.

1 1995 - 1520 - Palm Beach Co., 9NW Palm Beach - A 53-year-old male golfer was killed instantly at the Ibis Golf & Country Club, when lightning struck his 7-iron on the follow through, after a foursome had halted play because of lightning in the area. The lightning struck when the group resumed play.

2 1967 - 1400 - Dade County - Lightning killed a man fishing in Miami and killed another man fishing at 40-Mile Bend. A boy was critically injured.

2 1969 - 1747 - Hillsborough Co., Gibsonton - A Tornado unroofed a home and trailers were flipped over.

2 1982 - 1605 - Brevard Co., Port Canaveral - Lightning killed a 20-year old man leaning against an automobile.

2 1984 - 1830 - Polk Co., Bartow - Lightning killed a man standing under a tree.

2 1988 - 1600 - Dade Co., Homestead - Lightning killed a man in a motorboat offshore.

3 1956 - 1500 - Hernando Co., Brooksville - Lightning set off a dynamite charge prematurely, killing one woman.

3 1959 - afternoon - Wakulla Co., Sudeville - Lightning killed a person.

3 1971 - 1400 - Liberty Co., Bristol - Lightning killed a person and injured five others at a class reunion.

3 1973 - afternoon - Manatee Co., Longboat Key - Lightning killed a twenty-seven-year old construction worker on the 3rd floor of a building.

3 1975 - afternoon - Palm Beach Co., South Bay - Lightning killed a 53 year old sugar cane worker in a sugarcane field.

3 1992 - 2200 - Volusia County, Daytona Beach - Rogue Wave - A 27-mile-long wave rolled onto the Volusia County Beach at around 2300 EST. The wave's extent was from Ormond Beach on the north, to New Smyrna Beach on the south. The crest was 18 feet high and centered at Daytona Beach. Sailboats crashed ashore onto cars and many people suffered cuts and bruises from glass and debris. Two people required hospitalization and 200 vehicles were damaged. 75 injuries reported.

4 1962 - Noon - Escambia Co., Pensacola - Lightning killed a person.

4 1962 - morning - Madison Co., Puttis Springs - Thunderstorm winds toppled a large tree in a picnic area, killing 1 and injuring four.

4 1965 - 1300 - Hillsborough Co., Tampa - Lightning killed a man on a golf course.

4 1970 - 1415 - Volusia Co., Ormond Beach - Lightning struck a lifeguard - he died July 10.

4 1987 - 1420 - Nassau Co., Hillard - Lightning killed a 74-year old woman in her garden.

4-7 1994 - Tropical Storm Alberto - formed in the southeast Gulf of Mexico on July 1 and moved north at 10 mph. The center crossed the panhandle near Destin at 0900 July 3. At landfall the minimum central pressure was 993 mb with maximum sustained winds of 63 mph and gusts unofficially estimated at 86 mph. The maximum storm tide was 5 feet and the immediate rainfall totaled two to 7 inches. About 2000 people voluntarily evacuated. No significant injuries were reported. Thirteen people were rescued from boats in the northeast Gulf of Mexico. Coastal damage included shoreline erosion (up to 14 feet at Cape San Blas), damage to sea walls, piers and boats, and roof damage to a few beachfront motels. Inland damage included downed signs, billboards, trees, and power lines. Electricity was cut to 18,500 customers for up to two days. Alberto weakened to a depression before moving into southeast Alabama the evening of July 3, then meandered around east central Alabama and west central Georgia for 72 hours dropping rains that locally exceeded 20 inches in southwest Georgia. River flooding in Georgia and Alabama spread into the Florida panhandle on July 5, and along with six to 14 inches of additional rain from the remnants of Alberto, caused extensive flooding. Flood crests exceed 100-year events on the Apalachicola and Chipola Rivers. The first flood crest on the Apalachicola River occurred on July 10-12. The Apalachicola River remained above flood stage into August, and standing water in localized areas of the panhandle, continued into September, due in part to Tropical Storm Beryl. The flooding caused 3,000 people to evacuate to Red Cross shelters. Damage to buildings, roads, water systems and other public property was estimated at \$40 million. Insured losses to buildings and vehicles were estimated at \$15 million. Agricultural losses were estimated at \$25 million including up to 50% of the peanut, cotton, soybean, and corn crops. Animal losses included 300,000 chickens, 125 steers and hogs, and 90% of the oysters in Apalachicola Bay. The tourist industry is estimated to have lost several million dollars in potential revenue.

4 1996 1253 - Palm Beach Co., Pahokee - In a park, nine youths, ages 9 to 18, were injured by lightning when they huddled beneath an Australian pine tree. They had just come from swimming in Lake Okeechobee. One of the injuries was serious. The lightning strike was the only one observed during the thunderstorm.

4 1996 - 1940 - Brevard Co., Titusville - A 32 year old man was killed while watching July 4th fireworks along the riverfront in Titusville.

5 1916 - northwest Florida - A hurricane making landfall near Biloxi, MS brought 104 mph winds to western Panhandle and left 4 dead.

5 1960 - afternoon - Washington Co., Bonifay - Lightning killed a person.

- 5** 1961 - afternoon - Hillsborough Co., Clair-Mel City - Lightning killed a person.
- 5** 1965 - evening - Osceola Co., St. Cloud - Lightning killed a man digging in a drainage ditch.
- 5** 1970 - afternoon - Levy Co., Yankeetown - Lightning killed a camper.
- 5** 1982 - 1310 - Dade Co., Miami - Lightning killed a man and injured another. They were on a golf course and took shelter under a tree.
- 6** 1966 - afternoon - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale - Lightning killed a construction worker.
- 6** 1971 - 1400 - Osceola Co., St. Cloud - Lightning killed a nineteen year old who was baling hay.
- 6** 1996 - 1200 - Santa Rosa Co., Navarre Beach - A 27-year-old male was swimming near Navarre Beach when he was pulled under the water by a strong rip current. He drowned in the rough surf before he could be rescued.
- 7** 1966 - afternoon - Palm Beach Co., South Bay - Lightning killed a crane operator.
- 7** 1996 - 1200 - Santa Rosa Co., Navarre Beach - A 35-year-old male was scuba diving in the Gulf just offshore Navarre Beach. A strong rip current ripped his mask off and he was overcome by the water. He was brought to shore and taken to a local hospital but died later that day.
- 7** 1996 - afternoon - Walton Co., Seagrove Beach - A man was caught in a severe rip current and drowned in the Gulf of Mexico at Seagrove Beach. Another man drowned when caught in a severe rip current in the Gulf of Mexico at Inlet Beach. His body washed ashore the next day at Panama City Beach, east of where he drowned.
- 8** 1962 - afternoon - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale - Lightning killed a person and injured a person on the beach.
- 8** 1975 - 1235 - Lafayette Co., Mayo - Lightning killed three people and injured six. The workers were stringing tobacco under a tin shed. All were knocked down by the lightning bolt.
- 8** 1994 - 1000 - Palm Beach Co., Boca Raton - A 37-year-old male was struck and killed by lightning in Boca Point West subdivision. The lightning struck a nearby tree while the man was loading cleaning equipment onto a truck. The man was wearing rain gear and rubber-soled shoes and was struck near the beginning of a fast-moving thunderstorm.
- 9** 1948 - 0400 - Washington Co., Wausau - Tornado associated with a Tropical Storm destroyed a house and two barns, injuring two.
- 9** 1968 - 1830 - St. Petersburg - Lightning killed a man while fishing on the Florida Presbyterian College campus.

- 9** 1970 - 1345 - Clay Co., Green Cove Springs - Lightning struck a tree near the city pier, killing a boy and injuring two.
- 9** 1979 - 2105 - Brevard Co., Cocoa Beach - A tornado moved along six blocks of Cocoa Beach's motel strip, severely damaging four motels, an office complex, a fast food restaurant, a bank, pharmacy and supermarket. Many cars were damaged as the tornado moved north along A1A. Only six minor injuries were reported.
- 10** 1953 - Afternoon - Bonifay - Lightning killed a woman and injured another while working in a veneer shed. Four others escaped injury.
- 10** 1962 - afternoon - Orange Co., Orlando - Lightning killed a dragline operator and severe thunderstorm winds toppled a tree onto a moving car, killing a passenger. Dade Co., Miami - Lightning killed a swimmer in the surf.
- 10** 1964 - afternoon - Marion Co., Ocala - Lightning killed a tree trimmer while working.
- 10** 1970 - 1630 - Orange Co., Winter Park - Lightning killed an eight year old girl when hit by a badminton pole dislodged by the lightning.
- 10** 1974 - 1530 - Palm Beach Co., Tequesta - Lightning killed a person and injured one. They were employees of the water company working on a meter at a home.
- 10** 1975 - 1545 - Brevard Co., Titusville - Tornado damaged two subdivisions and a school near Hwy. 50. Five homes were unroofed and 10 others damaged. Cars were crushed by falling trees. There were no injuries. One witness described the tornado as a huge funnel with an unusually large base. Another person said that it sounded like a train rolling through. Heavy rain and hail were also reported.
- 10** 1991 - 1315 - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale - Lightning killed a man taking shelter under a tree.
- 10** 1996 1030 - Duval Co., Jacksonville Beach - A man swimming off Jacksonville Beach drowned in a strong rip current associated with Hurricane Bertha.
- 11** 1960 - afternoon - Lake Co., Leesburg - Lightning killed a man fishing on a lake. - Gadsden Co., Hardway - Lightning killed a tobacco worker and injured two others as they were seeking shelter.
- 11** 1968 - 1300 - Dade Co., Miami - Lightning killed a man while walking to the store.
- 11** 1984 - 1500 - Palm Beach Co., W. Palm Beach - Lightning killed a man trimming a tree.
- 11** 1993 - 1905 - Polk Co., Lakeland - Lightning killed a man when he went outside during a storm to bring in his dog.
- 12** 1962 - Afternoon - Hillsborough Co., Thonotossasa - Lightning killed a person.

12 1971 - evening - Volusia Co., New Smyrna Beach - Lightning killed a commercial fisherman while fishing alone.

12 1974 - DeSoto Co., Nacatee - Heavy rains caused high waters and a 39 year old woman drowned near the State Road 761 bridge.

12 1978 - afternoon - Okaloosa Co., James Lee Park - Lightning killed a 17 year old lifeguard while he was putting his gear away. The boy was burned in the groin where the lightning had entered. Another lifeguard, only 4 feet away, was not injured. - Osceola Co., Kissimmee - Lightning killed a 37-year old woman at a Trav-L-Park. Lightning also blew out a power transformer and split two trees in the area.

12 1986 - morning - Pinellas Co. - Lightning killed a 68 year old man as he walked along the beach. A 16 year old girl was critically injured by lightning as she walked in her driveway. Hillsborough Co. - Lightning struck a tree and injured three teenagers, one critically, who had taken refuge from the rain under the tree.

12 1988 - 1930 - Clay Co., Florahome - Lightning killed a 37 year old man.

13 1953 - Afternoon - Dade Co., Miami Beach - Lightning killed a person and injured another while playing at water's edge on Miami Beach.

13 1955 - Columbia Co., Ft. White - A boy was killed by lightning while working in a field.

13 1959 - 1130 - Pinellas Co., Clearwater - Lightning killed a fisherman while in his boat offshore.

13 1959 - unknown - Escambia Co., Cantonment - Lightning killed a person.

13 1960 - afternoon - Brevard Co., Mims - Lightning killed a fisherman in a nearby lake.

13 1972 - late afternoon - Lake Co., S. Clermont - Lightning killed a man and injured two others while they were standing in a field measuring a snake they had killed.

13 1996 - Dade Co., Miami Beach - In separate incidents, two persons drowned in rip currents generated by Hurricane Bertha's swells along unguarded sections of Miami Beach.

14-15 1936 - south Florida - A tropical storm moved in from the Gulf of Mexico and made landfall near Naples late on the 14th, crossed the peninsula, and entered the Atlantic near Miami the morning of the 15th.

14 1987 - 1306 - Palm Beach Co., Boca Raton - Delray Beach - Hypoluxo - Thunderstorm winds blew over a concrete block wall and killed a 34-year old man. Lightning killed a 19 year old woman on the beach. Three other injuries.

15 1972 - afternoon - Volusia Co., Deland - Thunderstorm winds damaged a fish camp and some boats. Winds destroyed a shed and blew lumber through two house trailers. The shed collapsed on some boats.

15 1977 - 1515 - Manatee Co., Bradenton - Tornado unroofed some older homes and other buildings downtown.

16 1957 - Pasco Co., Dade City - Lightning killed one person.

16 1972 - daytime - Broward Co., Hollywood - Lightning killed a golfer and injured another while they were standing under a tree.

16 1994 - 1539 - Sarasota Co., Sarasota Bay - A 24-year old male was directly struck by lightning while kayaking on Sarasota Bay. Police recovered the body the next day.

17 1951 - Escambia Co., Harold - A child was killed by lightning.

17 1963 - afternoon - Walton Co., New Harmony - Lightning killed a farm tractor operator.

17 1965 - afternoon - Palm Beach Co., W. Palm Beach - Lightning killed a person and injured two while visiting the beach.

17 1981 - 1330 - Orange Co., Sea World - Severe thunderstorm winds ripped a 10,000 square ft hole in a 90 ft high pavilion. The storm panicked a crowd of 550 tourists. One death was due to injury and heart attack. 15 injured. The canopy was made of fiberglass and Teflon, designed to withstand 120 mph winds.

17 1981 - 1350 - Alachua Co., Gainesville - Thunderstorm winds blew down a large oak tree onto the car of a 56 year old man, crushing him to death.

17 1996 - 1500 - Columbia Co., Fort White - A 7 year old boy was struck and killed by lightning while playing at O'Leno State Park.

17 1996 - 1730 - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale - A 41-year-old man drowned in a rip current while trying to rescue his 11-year-old son on an unguarded section of Ft. Lauderdale Beach. The man was a good swimmer but swam directly against the current. His son survived. Two other children were rescued from a nearby rip current with an 11-year-old female requiring hospitalization.

18 1888 - 1500 - St. Johns County, St. Augustine - Waterspout/tornado moved onshore and destroyed some small buildings and unroofed some homes.

18 1956 - evening - Marion Co., Belleview - Lightning killed one person.

18 1962 - afternoon - Polk Co., Lake Wales - Lightning killed a person and injured 4.

19 1988 - 1400 - Manatee Co., Bradenton - Severe thunderstorm winds damaged the roofs of eight mobile homes.

19 1996 - 1500 - Walton Co., Seagrove Beach - A man drowned after being caught in a severe rip current in the Gulf of Mexico.

20 1990 - 1215 - Volusia Co., Daytona Beach - Lightning killed a man who was wading in the ocean.

20 1995 - 1400 - St Johns County, Fruit Grove - A man was struck by lightning and killed while standing on a five-foot ladder inside a home under construction.

20 1996 - 1800 - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale Beach - A 20-year-old male tourist drowned in a rip current along Ft. Lauderdale Beach.

21 1956 - evening - Escambia Co., Pensacola - Lightning killed a fisherman in a boat.

21 1971 - daytime - Sunrise (near Ft. Lauderdale) - Lightning killed a thirty year old man on a tractor cutting hay.

21 1990 - 1415 - Broward Co., Coral Springs - Lightning struck two roofers. One man died 10 days later.

21 1993 - 1500 - Palm Beach Co., W. Palm Beach - Lightning killed a roofer, and injured another roofer, while working on a house.

21 1995 1600 - St. Johns County, Crescent Beach - Lightning struck and killed a man while he was walking the water's edge south of the Crescent Beach ramp.

22 1965 - afternoon - St. Lucie Co., Fort Pierce - Lightning killed a horseback rider.

22 1971 - daytime - Hillsborough Co., Ruskin - Lightning killed a 72-year old man working on a construction site. - afternoon - Volusia Co., Ormond Beach - Lightning killed a 15 year old boy as he stood on the beach in front of a motel.

22 1983 - 1245 - Pinellas Co., Tarpon Springs - Lightning killed a construction worker and injured another. They were near an area of steel rods.

23 1967 - afternoon - St. Lucie Co., Lakewood Park - Lightning killed a man who was pulling his boat from the water.

23 1975 - afternoon - Hillsborough Co., Tampa - Lightning killed a 16 year old boy walking along the railroad track.

23 1985 - south and central Florida - Tropical Storm Bob moved across south Florida from Ft. Myers to just north of Palm Beach. The storm then turned north and moved northeast of Florida. The storm did minor damage to roofs and downed some trees, mainly on the Florida west coast. Rainfall amounts ranged up to 13 inches at Naples. Tides three to 5 feet above normal isolated Sanibel Island and Marco Island and flooded streets in Naples and Everglades City. Several beaches suffered erosion from Port Charlotte to Marco Island.

23 1989 - 1605 - Lee Co., S. Fort Myers - Tornado touched down three times damaging 38 mobile homes, seven condominiums, 20 apartments, 11 commercial buildings, 37 boats, and 15 travel trailers.

24 1925 - 1745 - Hillsborough Co., W. Tampa - Tornado unroofed two homes and scattered furniture for several hundred yards.

24 1948 - 1735 - Pinellas Co. - Two waterspouts/tornadoes came in from the Gulf of Mexico unroofing two houses and damaging small boats.

24 1952 - 1530-1630 - Madison - Lightning and Hail - A man was struck and killed by lightning while chopping wood. Two other men were injured by the same bolt while they stood near the tree. It was reported that a bolt of lightning came in a window in the County Superintendent's Office and touched a light above table where three persons were sitting then curved around the head of 1 person. Minor damage to Court House. Hailstones about the size of small marbles to three/8 inch in diameter also reported.

24 1953 - Dade Co., Miami, Crandon Park - Lightning killed a girl and injured two others while attending a school picnic.

24 1957 - afternoon - Lightning killed two workers and injured one at McClenny in Baker County. A person was injured by lightning on the beach at St. Petersburg and a fire started by lightning burned a livestock market in Tampa.

24 1993 - 1730 - Putnam Co., Palatka - Lightning struck two men as they walked through a fairground amusement area. One person was knocked unconscious and the other was injured less seriously.

25 1953 - 1400 - Orange Co., Orlando, Taft - Tornado ripped side and roof from barn, pushed a 2- car shed over, knocked over trees, and stripped grapefruit from trees.

25 1965 - noon - Pinellas Co., Dunedin - Lightning killed two persons and injured two persons as they were leaving a church parking lot.

25 1984 - 0243 - Franklin Co., Eastpoint - Thunderstorm winds capsized a shrimp boat and one man drowned.

26 1991 - 1800 - Indian River Co., Vero Beach - Severe thunderstorm winds struck the Vero Beach Airport, damaging three parked airplanes and two hangars. One plane was flipped over.

26 1996 - 1500 - Walton Co., Inlet Beach - A man was caught and drowned in a severe rip current, while trying to retrieve two children who had floated out in the Gulf on a raft.

27-28 1926 - east central - northeast Florida - A hurricane made landfall near Jupiter with winds of 90 mph on the morning of the 27th and moved inland, weakened to a tropical storm and reached the Florida/Georgia border west of Jacksonville late on the 28th.

27 1956 - evening - Leon Co., Tallahassee - A fire started by lightning destroyed an asphalt factory.

27 1991 - 1130 - Gulf Co., Apalachicola - Lightning killed a man and injured his wife while they were on a small boat in St. Joe Bay.

27 1995 - 1430 - Palm Beach Co., Lake Worth Beach - A 47-year-old male tourist from Ohio drowned in a rip current. Strong easterly winds associated with the approach of tropical storm Erin caused the rip current.

27 1996 - 1830 - Walton Co., Sandestin - A teenager drowned after being caught in a rip current while swimming in the Gulf of Mexico.

28 1974 - Highlands Co., Avon Park - Lightning killed a 6-year old girl outside turning a TV antenna.

28 1991 - 1815 - Polk Co., Lake Eva - Lightning killed a fisherman in a boat on the lake.

28 1996 - 1200 - Santa Rosa Co., Navarre Beach - A visitor drowned in a strong rip current while swimming in the Gulf of Mexico off Navarre Beach.

28 1996 - 1430 - Dade Co., Miami Beach - Two men drowned in separate rip currents along unguarded sections of Miami Beach. Dozens of other people were rescued by the beach patrol after being caught in rip currents throughout the afternoon.

29 1964 - unknown - Polk Co., Haines City - Lightning killed a worker in a citrus grove.

29 1966 - afternoon - Okaloosa Co., Fort Walton Beach - Lightning killed a person.

29 1983 - 1700 - Hillsborough Co., Brandon - Lightning killed a person and injured a person seeking shelter under a tree.

29 1996 - 1045 - Escambia Co., Pensacola Beach - A 15-year-old male was swimming off Pensacola Beach when he was pulled under the water by a strong rip current and drowned in the rough surf.

30 1946 - 1900 - Pinellas Co., St. Petersburg - Tornado unroofed a two-story home and destroyed a garage in a brief touchdown.

30 1968 - 1830 - Charlotte Co., N. Port Charlotte - A tornado accompanied by rain and 1" hail moved through a trailer park killing two people inside a trailer. The trailer was crumpled and fragmented as if it had exploded.

30 1975 - late evening - A Tropical Disturbance spawned several weak tornadoes over the Panhandle. No serious injuries.

30 1976 - early morning - Monroe Co., Key Largo - Lightning killed a man in his boat.

30 1986 - 1755 - Volusia Co. - Lightning killed a 15 year old boy water skiing.

30 1989 - 0930 - Dade Co., Hialeah - Lightning killed a woman out walking at the Hialeah Race Track. -
2015 - Alachua Co., Gainesville - Lightning killed a 15 year old boy playing outside.

30 1996 - 1435 - Walton Co., Sandestin - A 48 year old Louisiana man was drowned after being caught in a rip current.

30-31 1933 - central Florida - A hurricane moved in from the Atlantic, making landfall near Ft. Pierce on the morning of the 30th, slowly crossed the peninsula, and exited into the Gulf of Mexico south of Tampa Bay on the afternoon of the 31st.

31 1936 - Panhandle - A tropical storm moved in from the Bahamas and crossed extreme south Florida into the Gulf of Mexico. The storm strengthened into a hurricane and made landfall near Ft. Walton Beach, early on the 31st. Winds gusted to 125 mph and storm surge reached 6 feet. Four people died.

31 1967 - afternoon - Orange Co., Orlando - Lightning killed a person and injured four who were taking refuge in a small shed.

31 1995 - 1900 - Palm Beach Co., Palm Beach - A 19-year-old male resident drowned in a rip current near the Breakers Hotel. The rip current was caused by swells from hurricane Erin.