



Heavy Rains Inundate St. Petersburg

Fact Sheet

Event date: May 8, 1979



Summary of event: Over 11 inches of rainfall fell at three separate monitoring sites. The massive rain event led to three deaths in St. Petersburg. One woman drowned when her truck was swept down a flooded street. Another woman and her 12 year old daughter were sucked into a drainage ditch. About 200 people were evacuated from their homes in Tyrone and St. Petersburg. 17.6 inches of rain fell in St. Petersburg during a 14 hour period from 2:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesday May 8th. Shore Acres received 12.4 inches, while Seminole received 10.78 inches, and Tyrone received 8.7 inches. About 8,000 customers lost power in the storms, and several roads and bridges were washed out.

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