

**ICS 201 INCIDENT BRIEFING            0900 LOCAL TIME**  
**INCIDENT: EXERCISE STEINHATCHEE STORM**  
**(5) SITUATION SUMMARY**

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Incident Command Post has been established at the Who Dat Bar & Grill, at the Good Times Marina and Motel on the South side of Steinhatchee River, roughly opposite Sea Hag Marina.

Category 2 Hurricane THOUGHTLESS roared through Steinhatchee (normal pop. 1200; now approx 600 after voluntary evacuation) at 0400 flooding low-lying areas to storm surge of 9-12 feet.

Steinhatchee/Jena power, electricity and all communications except satellite are out. Authorities locally do not have satellite phones. Approximately 30% of watercraft are sunk in the Steinhatchee river, including several high-masted sailboats previously moored in the river; submerged hazards exist. Most channel markers are intact but #17 is adrift. Residential structural damage not yet assessed. Trapped, injured: unknown. Two police vehicles, one of which was crushed by a falling tree. One working ambulance. Attempting to locate one physician known to live locally.

WEATHER: Winds now decreased to 40 kt. Waves still 6 feet in Deadman Bay; expected to decline to 3-4 feet between 10AM-Noon, with winds decreasing to 20 kt.

Communications

A significant problem. All telephones are out including cell phones. Internet is out. No sat phones available. Initial requests for aid delivered to Tallahassee via Horseshoe Beach Coast Guard unmanned marine transceiver repeater. Internet connection to that unmanned point has since been lost, thus no working communications outside of the city. Local communications: Marine Channels 16, 9, 68 being widely used by authorities and populace, in addition to simplex police frequencies. In hopes of giving us outside comms quickly, a Volunteer Amateur Radio group from Alachua County is enroute, expected to arrive approximately 10 AM. Until they arrive: urgent messages have to be driven to Old Town, the closest working cell phone locations.