

# The Briefing for September 9, 2023

The last Briefing was Wednesday – September 6 – 2023 How's your weather – <u>https://weather.com/</u>

Personal Update

2 1/2 weeks post-surgery – Rehab is going well. Ice is Nice! No pain -No Gain – so I must be gaining! Rehab will continue for weeks. Walking but with a cane! Everything everyone said would happen – has happened! Thanks to all for thoughts!

<u>Week Two College Football</u> Link to College Football Schedule for Week Two

<u>Got some big games today!</u> 7:00pm - Texas @ Bama Noon -Nebraska @ Colorado – Do you believe?

### <u>Florida Teams at play</u>

Texas A&M @ Miami Ohio @ Florida Atlantic North Texas @ FIU UCF @ Boise McNeese @ U.F. FAMU @ USF 8:30 - Southern Mississippi @ FSU

#### The Quick

#### Speaker Renner Appoints Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency and Recovery

Florida House Speaker **Paul Renner has commissioned** a special committee to address hurricane relief and storm resilience. The 15-member panel of Representatives will look at the immediate needs of hard-hit regions, as well as, looking for ways to protect and repair Florida from future storms.

Rep. Jason Shoaf, a Port St. Joe Republican whose district took a direct hit from Idalia, sees immediate and long-term needs. *"First and foremost, we're focused on the safety of residents in the region. We're getting them food and water, supplies to clean up and resources to support recovery,"* he said. *"Looking ahead, I think it will be important to consider how we can better support our rural EOCs. It's clear that a Category 4 storm presents challenges that our fiscally constrained counties may not have the resources to prepare for. We can work to harden their structures, provide back up* 

# generators and strengthen communications towers to withstand the next storm so they can focus on serving their communities."

The <u>Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency and Recovery</u> will be Chaired by State Rep. Michael Grant, which will stand only through the end of 2024. Other members of the Select Committee are Rep. Adam Botana, a Bonita Springs Republican, Vice Chair; Rep. Kevin Chambliss, a Homestead Democrat, will serve as ranking member; Republican Reps. Demi Busatta Cabrera, Tiffany Esposito, Mike Giallombardo, Jim Mooney, Susan Plasencia, Spencer Roach, Jason Shoaf and Cyndi Stevenson and Democratic Reps. Hillary Cassel, Anna Eskamani, Gallop Franklin and Allison Tant.

## Governor DeSantis Appoints Brad Drake to Walton County Commission

Gov. **Ron DeSantis** on Thursday appointed longtime state lawmaker and current member of his administration to the Walton County Commission - there will not be an election for the seat until 2024. **Drake**, has served 12 years in the Florida House until 2022, will fill the empty District 3 seat replacing **Mike Barker**, who resigned in February to serve as interim city manager of DeFuniak Springs. Until this appointment, Drake was the director of rural and community affairs for Governor DeSantis. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Florida.

#### CIRCUIT COURT CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE TO MEET FRIDAY

The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee, which was appointed by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos Muniz, will meet Friday, 11 a.m. to look at the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. <u>https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_g6D0i796RKCC-h-ojeaB1A#/registration</u>

## Legislative Delegation Hearings This Week

Monday, September 11, 2023

• 9:00 AM – Collier County

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

- 9:30 AM 12:30 PM Levy County
- 10:00 AM 2:00 PM -Hillsborough County
  - 3:30 PM 5:00 PM Volusia County

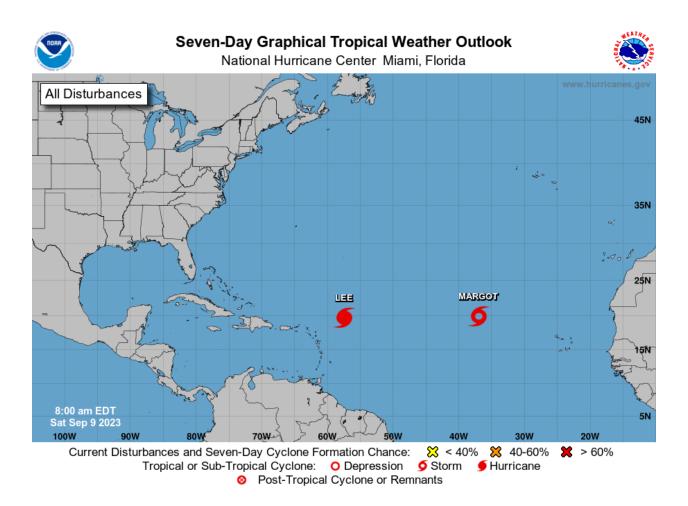
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

- 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Palm Beach County
- 1:00 PM 5:00 PM Marion County

Friday, September 15, 2023

• 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Hendry County

Tropical Outlook https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/



#### Headlines Around The State Today's Headlines

The Messenger: DeSantis Hits Trump Over Pandemic Response: 'Leader's Got To Take Responsibility'

AP: Trump, DeSantis and other 2024 GOP prospects vie for attention at Iowa-Iowa State football game

WaPo: DeSantis voiced complaints about top super PAC strategist, people familiar with comments say

FlaPol: Joe Biden ads target Florida women, slam Ron DeSantis and Donald Trump abortion policies

FlaPol: Republicans hold 25,000 voter registration advantage in Pinellas

NYTimes: Florida Approves Classic Learning Test for Use in College Admissions

Herald Tribune: U.S. Education Department launches investigation into New College of Florida board, admin

Sun-Sentinel: FAU's use of lawyer is delaying investigation, state official says. The university disputes that.

Herald: Florida student newspaper refused to run abortion ad, concerned about obscure law

FlaPol: Vern Buchanan says oil spill at SeaPort Manatee likely intentional dumping

Herald Tribune: Authorities take to the lab after no one lays claim to SeaPort Manatee oil spill

Times: In Pinellas beach erosion battle, Army Corps shows up but won't budge Times: Body cam shows Tampa federal prosecutor offering cops business card in DUI crash arrest

Sentinel: Experts: Hatred links Jacksonville shooting, antisemitic displays in Central Florida Floridian: Mills Calls Biden 'Terrible on World Stage' Ahead of G20

Politico: DeSantis-packed court skeptical of Florida's long-standing abortion protections NYTimes: Florida Supreme Court Considers Upholding Abortion Restrictions

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis blasts 'bogus' Disney claims against him in narrowed lawsuit

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says it's 'outrageous' to use racist Jacksonville murder as 'political cudgel' against him

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints civil rights lawyer, critical race theory critic Kimberly Richey to Education Commission of the States

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints four to Florida Defense Support Task Force Herald: After years of delay, state dismisses sexual harassment case against former Sen. Latvala Herald: Florida's affordable housing board places DeSantis' chosen director on leave again Sentinel: DeSantis' affordable housing director was abusive, sexist, workers say FlaPol: House Education & Employment Committee assignments foretell more school culture wars FlaPol: House Speaker Paul Renner creates Select Committee on Health Innovation for 2024 Session

FlaPol: Florida House names Select Committee on hurricane recovery, resiliency FlaPol: Hillary Cassel takes a seat on hurricane-focused committee FlaPol: Physician Joel Rudman assigned to House Health Care Regulation Subcommittee FlaPol: Miami-Dade lawmakers to chair 4 House committees in 2024 Legislative Session

FlaPol: Restored: No power outages in Florida just 9 days after Hurricane Idalia

#### From Friday

AP: Florida abortion rights at stake as state Supreme Court takes up challenge to GOP-led restrictions FlaPol: Abortion rights hang in the balance at state Supreme Court oral arguments Politico: Abortion-rights supporters see little hope ahead of Florida high court arguments Axios: Florida abortion ballot initiative hits threshold for state Supreme Court review Sentinel: Florida Supreme Court justices have personal ties to abortion, Disney. Should they recuse themselves?
City & State FL: Florida Supreme Court keeps 'fairness and diversity' out of continuing judicial education requirements
Herald: Employees told investigators DeSantis affordable housing director was abusive, sexist FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis taps Emery Gainey as Alachua County Sheriff

FlaPol: Brad Drake to fill Walton County Commission vacancy

FlaPol: Democratic Primary taking shape to succeed term-limited Patricia Hawkins-Williams Democrat: Former Wakulla County Property Appraiser Brad Harvey sentenced in public fraud case

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis plugs Guinness at Irish pub FlaPol: Personnel note: Courtney James joins The Southern Group FlaPol: 1,900 outages left in Florida after Hurricane Idalia FlaPol: EMILYs List endorses Debbie Mucarsel-Powell for Senate FlaPol: Dean Black calls on Duval Teachers' Union to 'come clean' after FBI, IRS raid FlaPol: Diversity and Inclusion fight continues for Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan FlaPol: Florida Dems condemn Moms for Liberty co-founder's appointment to Ethics Commission FlaPol: Marucci Guzmán raises \$40K in HD 35 bid FlaPol: Ron DeSantis, Joseph Ladapo push back after confrontation with hostile questioner in Jacksonville Times: DeSantis lashes out at Jacksonville man who blamed his policies for racist murders Politico: DeSantis lashes out at audience member over Jacksonville shooting The Hill: DeSantis has heated exchange with audience member over Jacksonville shooting NBC: Ron DeSantis erupts at audience member who blamed him for the Jacksonville shooting The Messenger: A Racist Mass Shooting, Black-on-Black Crime and Jacksonville's Conservative African-American Sheriff FlaPol: Déjà vu: Ron DeSantis rallies against mask, vaccine mandates Times: DeSantis, Florida surgeon general again against requiring COVID precautions Times: DeSantis orders flags at half-staff for Jimmy Buffett Times: How a deepfake video of Ron DeSantis dropping out went viral

FlaPol: Marco Rubio trusts Mitch McConnell's doctors

NYTimes: How Ben Sasse Became a Combatant in Florida's Education Wars

Gainesville Sun: Ben Sasse to move forward with 10-year strategic plan for future of University of Florida

WLRN: Miami-Dade school board rejects LGBTQ History Month again, following marathon meeting Politico: Miami school board again shuts down LGBTQ month recognition FlaPol: Miami-Dade School Board again snubs LGBTQ History Month

Herald: Miami-Dade budget advances after pleas to fund housing, animal services and charities

Ocala Star-Banner: How do Florida's universities rank for free speech. Some do great, survey says. Some poorly.

Democrat: FSU cancels Race, Class and Gender course ahead of fall semester due to 'low enrollment'

## **On the Docket Around the State**

# MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

- COLLIER DELEGATION Monday, 9 a.m. The Collier County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Collier County Commission chamber, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.
- MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY Monday, 10 a.m. A Florida Missing Children's Day event will be held. Tallahassee Automobile Museum, 6800 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee.
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS AID Monday, noon. The Florida Public Service Commission will provide information in Columbia County about the Lifeline program, which offers discounted telecommunications services. Columbia County Senior Services, 628 S.E. Allison Court, Lake City.

# TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

- FLORIDA GULF COAST TRUSTEES Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers.
- ORANGE COUNTY DELEGATION Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Orange County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. 201 South Rosalind Ave., Orlando.
- VIRTUAL SCHOOL Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR-9hroocmIumUXCg
- UTILITY ISSUES Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a series of events, including a regular commission meeting; an internal-affairs meeting; a 10-year site-plan workshop; a hearing on what are known as "Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery Clause" petitions by electric utilities; and a proposed rate increase by Peoples Gas System. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- LEVY COUNTY DELEGATION Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Levy County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Levy County Commission, 310 School St., Bronson.
- HILLSBOROUGH DELEGATION Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Hillsborough County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. TPA SkyCenter One, 5411 Skycenter Dr., Tampa.
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN BOARD Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida SouthWestern State College, Lee Campus, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS AID Tuesday, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold two events in St. Lucie County to provide information about the Lifeline program, which offers discounted telecommunications services. 10 a.m. at Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc.-Port St. Lucie, 2501 S.W. Bayshore Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Also, 12:30 p.m. at Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc.-Fort Pierce, 1505 Orange Ave., Fort Pierce.
- DEP OFFICE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Southeast District Office will hold an open house. Department of Environmental Protection Southeast District Office, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- 'WELL-BEING' COUNCIL Tuesday, 10 a.m. The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. Information at <u>https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/child-and-family-well-being-council</u>

- REFUGEES ISSUES Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <u>https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tallahassee-area-refugee-task-force-meeting</u>
- BOAT BUILDER SPEAKS TO ECONOMIC CLUB Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Bill Yeargin, president and CEO of the boat-building company Correct Craft, will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE Tuesday, noon. The Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet. Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82642012863?pwd=d3NiR25ORE1</u> PWGpqVjkyK1NtZT FzUT09. Meeting ID: 82642012863. Code: 956878
- CITIZENS CLAIMS ISSUES Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will meet. Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- WATER QUALITY Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will present information to the state's Blue-Green Algae Task Force. <u>https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4107540579043063904</u>
- TALENT DEVELOPMENT PANEL Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. The Florida Talent Development Council will meet. Information at <u>https://floridajobs.org/TalentDevelopmentCouncil</u>
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak. <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1360284333254296661</u>
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD Tuesday, 3 p.m. The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD Tuesday, 5:01 p.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District will hold a hearing on a tentative budget for the 2024 fiscal year. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES Tuesday, 7 p.m. Rep. Christine Hunschofsky, D-Parkland, will host a town hall about mental-health issues. Coconut Creek City Hall, 4800 West Copans Road, Coconut Creek.
- HINSON AT EDUCATION TOWN HALL Tuesday, 7 p.m. Rep. Yvonne Hinson, D-Gainesville, will take part in a panel discussion about education issues. Thomas Center, 302 N.E. Sixth Ave., Gainesville.

# WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

- PAROLE ISSUES Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Coee: 337350165
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 686974885
- PALM BEACH DELEGATION Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Palm Beach County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Loggerhead Marinelife Center, 14200 U.S. 1, Juno Beach.

- INSURANCE MARKET Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Market Accountability Advisory Committee will meet. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 93846973798
- CITIZENS 'OFFICE HOURS' HELD Wednesday, 10 a.m. Rep. Robin Bartleman. D-Weston, will host Citizens Property Insurance "office hours" for Citizens customers to ask questions and get information. Bartleman district office, 1725 Main St., Suite 225, Weston.
- WORKERS' COMP ISSUES ADDRESSED Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors will meet. Information at <a href="https://www.fwcjua.com/#">https://www.fwcjua.com/#</a>
- MARION COUNTY DELEGATION Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Marion County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Marion County Commission chamber, 601 S.E. 25th Ave., Ocala.
- REFUGEE ISSUES Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <u>https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting</u>
- TOURISM OVERSIGHT BOARD EYES BUDGET Wednesday, 5:05 p.m. The Central Florida Tourism Oversight District Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget. District headquarters, 1900 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

- FIU TRUSTEES Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet after a series of committee meetings. The committees start at 8:30 a.m., with full board scheduled at 2:45 p.m. Florida International University, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.
- UWF BOARD Thursday, 9 a.m. The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of West Florida Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola.
- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. Valencia College, West Campus, 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando. <u>https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/99326770480?pwd=blJEdy9mQlJzM1VPa2NvL1A1aj</u> <u>Nidz09#success</u>
- DEFENSE ISSUES Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. Information at <a href="https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/">https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/</a>
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD Thursday, 10 a.m. The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, North Bay Campus, EOC Building, 700 Highway 2300, Southport.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- ADDICTION RECOVERY ADDRESSED Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, will help host a discussion recognizing September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Information at <u>https://www.mobilize.us/annaforflorida/event/578019/</u>
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD Thursday, 2 p.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. <u>https://sfwmd-</u> gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN p4IdzdMERfSqSkPYbCiysw#/registration

- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD Thursday, 4 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- GOP HOLDS STATESMAN'S DINNER Thursday, 7 p.m. The Republican Party of Florida will hold its annual Statesman's Dinner, with speakers expected to include U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, Attorney General Ashley Moody, state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson. Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Dr., Orlando.

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

- TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PANEL Friday, 9 a.m. The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will meet. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 456557811
- VETERINARY ISSUES Friday, 9 a.m. The Board of Veterinary Medicine is scheduled to meet. Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort, Golf & Marina, 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS RELEASED Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will release an August unemployment report.
- CARDROOM LICENSE Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission is scheduled to meet to consider Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, Inc.'s application for a cardroom license. <u>https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-ameeting</u>. Meeting ID: 216767294464 Passcode: HFJxwP. Call-in number: 1-929-777-2488. Phone Conference ID: 52049599
- CIRCUIT COURT CONSOLIDATION Friday, 11 a.m. The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee, which was appointed by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos Muniz, will meet to look at the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_g6D0i796RKCC-h-ojeaBIA#/registration
- HENDRY DELEGATION Friday, 1 p.m. The Hendry County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Hendry County Commission Chamber, 481 West Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle.

# Information sites

## https://www.floridadisaster.org/

- Executive Orders
  - o Governor Desantis Issues EO-23-171 (8/26/2023)
  - o <u>FLHSMV Issues EO 082623</u> (8/26/2023)
  - <u>EO-23-171</u> Amendment to EO 23-171 (8/28/2023)
  - <u>Executive Order 23-175</u> Amendment to EO 23-171 (8/29/2023)
- <u>State Assistance Information Line</u>
  - → State Assistance Information Line: 1-800-342-3557
- <u>Traffic</u>
  - <u>Florida 511</u> Get up-to-the-minute, real-time traffic conditions and incident information for the State of Florida with Florida 511.
  - Florida Highway Patrol Florida Highway Patrol Live Traffic Crash and Road Condition Report. Reports are updated every five minutes. Incidents located within city limits also may not show on the map since it is not common practice for FHP to work incidents inside city limits.

 <u>Florida Traffic</u> - Traffic incidents and conditions from Florida 511 and Florida Highway Patrol brought to you by Florida State Emergency Response Team Geographic Information Systems.

### About the Briefing!

### The Briefing is prepared almost daily by Chris Doolin cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com

The Briefing is compiled <u>2-3 times a week</u> to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School Representing District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email <u>\_</u> <u>cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com</u>

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