

08/22/20 SEOC Morning Brief TS Laura

Day 2 TS Laura, COVID Day 169

#### Meteorology

- Three tropical systems – TS Laura, TS Marco and new wave off Africa
- TS Laura not organized with winds at 40mph
- Expected to move over Hispaniola then over Cuba Sunday, some strengthen if storm misses the islands.
- Forecast strengthening in Gulf and move toward Louisiana.
- Possible TS winds Sunday into Monday in Florida Keys, could have TS winds in panhandle as storm move north.
- TS Marco small and compact, 50 mph with continued strengthening, wind sheer in gulf may weaken storm before landfall Louisiana Texas.
- A lot of uncertainty when both storms move north in the Gulf, how systems may interact if both survive.

#### Plans

- Preparing sitrep today and IAP for tomorrow due 2 pm.

#### Ops

- Height of hurricane season still to come, it is 2020!

#### SERT Chief

- Waiting on 11:00 briefing, as of right now if 11:00 shows weakening SEOC operations will go back to COVID virtual ops and COVID on Monday.
- Keep contractors for a week on COVID to catch up work.
- Before we leave today cancel all contracts and orders for Tropical response.
- Do not anticipate a declaration, \$100K in current storm costs.
- FEMA R4 advised that Florida may be asked to send a team to assist Mississippi with non-congregate sheltering plans and operations, probably through EMAC.

ESF 4&9 going remote.