SAFETY AWARENESS DURING HIGHWAY EMERGENCIES
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Hurricane Michael – October 2018

Fredericksburg District
9” rain resulting
140+ roads closed
Over 42,000 work hours
Over $6.5M expenses
($37.8M statewide)
Turn Around Don’t Drown
Trees and Utility Lines
Storm Cleanup Case Study
Lessons Learned

Situational assessments are necessary when changes occur, even in locations previously worked.

Identify escape routes (and have more than one).

Assess every tree individually prior to removing from roadways. There may be hidden dangers that can result in tragic consequences.
Lessons Learned

State employees need to know their role and responsibility in Safety
Use the right tool for the right job
Understand the limitations and scope of area of responsibility
Identify a good rest-work rotation