

Hurricane Michael Hits with Fury

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Hurricane Michael is on its way. It is expected to be a category three hurricane when it hits landfall Wednesday the tenth. Some regions of the US might get 12 inches of rain. Just imagine walking outside your house, and the clouds darken, the sky grows, and before you know it you are in the middle of a hurricane. How would you react? You might not be the only one to react this way.

Any hurricane can be a disaster, and there was no exception in this case. Hurricane Michael hit on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018. The death count is eighteen. There were eight deaths in Florida, three in North Carolina, one in Georgia, and six in Virginia. There are still forty-six people unaccounted for. Many people did not evacuate, and were surprisingly not killed when the storm came through. Firefighters, policemen, and so many others are trying hard to find the missing people. Many say that it will take years to rebuild everything, but there will always be a memory of this storm. President Trump went down to Florida and scouted out the damage. Well he was there he handed out water bottles to people, and he talked to farmers about their crops. Georgia's expected agriculture damage estimate is \$1.2 billion. There were two prisons that were destroyed, and nearly three thousand inmates evacuated. Most people who had it the worst were the people with less money, who could not travel, and did not have anywhere else to go. The rebuilding process is going to cost a lot and take a lot of time.

People needed to know this because it does affect everyone, whether you were actually hit by the storm or if it affects your states trade with someone. It was a big hurricane that happened Wednesday. It went through Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, and New Mexico. People need to learn from this hurricane so when another one comes we can be prepared and get more people to get evacuated. My grandparents go to Florida every year, and I was in North Carolina about twenty days before this natural disaster, and there could have been a lot of danger.

Did you decide you would have evacuated, or would you be one of the people to wait it out? The truth of the matter is that this storm could not have been avoided. Either one got out and their home was ruined, or one stayed and potentially died. What matters is that in times like these everyone comes together and is willing to do something to help. Those places might get hit with a higher category hurricane, and the results could be even worse. Natural disasters will always occur, but all that matters is how you plan for it and react after it.