

Rescue Effort Saves 725 After Hurricane Milton Strikes

Coastal residents in Florida are trying to put their lives back together in the wake of Hurricane Milton. At least 16 people are dead, but the death toll continues to rise.

Floridians are still discovering the full extent of Milton's destruction, and learning stories of survival.

One man was found floating 30 miles off the Gulf Coast, clinging to a cooler to stay afloat. The Coast Guard rescued him after he tried to ride out Milton on his fishing boat in 25-foot high seas.

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Milton came ashore Wednesday night south of Tampa as a Category 3 hurricane.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department was going door-to-door on boats, rescuing more than 725 people.

Five hundred were rescued from one apartment complex. And a 14-year-old boy was found alive, floating on a piece of fencing.

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In Tampa, a mother and son used their fishing boat to help stranded people. She can be heard saying, "These people all need help. Nobody has been here today, and they have animals."

In Gulf Coast communities from Naples to Venice, some have found their homes buried under as much as three feet of sand.

Meanwhile, 38 reported tornadoes damaged hundreds of homes.

On the other side of Florida, in Palm Beach Gardens, a dumpster was picked up by a tornado and thrown onto a house.

At least six people were killed when a tornado hit a retirement community.

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