DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Wednesday, 4 November 2026

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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Wednesday, 4 November 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | WX-CON: 1 marginal | SWX-CON: stand-down

THE ONE THING TODAY

UPDATE WORDPRESS BEFORE FRIDAY

If you run a website for a business, church, club or family on WordPress, update it to version 7.1.4 now. CISA says attackers are using a flaw that can let them take over a site while it is updating, and federal agencies must fix it by Friday, November 6.

HOW TO CHECK: Log in, go to Dashboard, then Updates, and confirm the site shows WordPress 7.1.4 (or 7.0.8). If someone else hosts your site, ask them to confirm it in writing.

SINCE OUR LAST BRIEF: the US made limited strikes on an Iranian island on November 2, which our last brief missed; bomb threats emptied polling places in Toledo, Ohio and Gibraltar, Michigan, and a judge extended voting at the Toledo school; and Louisiana and Arkansas had nine tornado warnings.

STORMS AND FLOODING POSSIBLE IN THE SOUTHEAST

Isolated damaging winds and perhaps a brief tornado are possible this afternoon in northeast Alabama, Georgia, southeast Tennessee and the southern Appalachians, and heavy rain could cause flash flooding there and in southeast Florida, where the ground is already soaked. The weather radio station that serves northwest Georgia near Rome and Summerville is off the air, so keep phone alerts on. Never drive through water over the road.

SCAM ALERT -- FAKE FLOOD RELIEF

After the recent floods in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Mississippi and Florida, expect fake relief offers and fake contractors. Real FEMA help is free: never pay a fee or give a gift card or bank password, and apply only through disasterassistance.gov or your county.

WEATHER RADIO -- 21 STATIONS DOWN OR DEGRADED

21 transmitters are off the air or degraded across 12 states. Utqiagvik, Alaska, which serves the North Slope, is newly off the air. The Summerville, Georgia station is off the air inside the storm risk area: if you live in Chattooga, Floyd, Gordon, Polk or Walker County, Georgia or Cherokee County, Alabama, use phone alerts or a different station.

STATION	FREQUENCY	STATUS
Kotzebue, AK	162.550 MHz	Degraded
Nome, AK	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Saint Paul Island, AK	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Utqiagvik, AK	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Baxley, GA	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Summerville, GA	162.450 MHz	Out of service

Kauai, HI	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Hillsboro, IL	162.425 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, IL	162.500 MHz	Out of service
Marion, IN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Gem, KS	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Ulysses, KS	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Gunflint Lake, MN	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Waubun, MN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Artesia, NM	162.425 MHz	Out of service
Carlsbad, NM	162.475 MHz	Out of service
Roswell, NM	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Owyhee, NV	162.450 MHz	Degraded
Albany, NY	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, TN	162.475 MHz	Out of service
Garfield, WV	162.500 MHz	Degraded

FIRES -- QUIET NATIONWIDE

Fire activity is light nationwide; the only new large fire is in New Hampshire's White Mountains.

HEALTH -- EBOLA TRAVEL RULE NOW IN FORCE

The CDC now counts 10,532 confirmed Ebola cases in Congo. Everyone flying to the US from another country must now confirm they have not been in Congo in the past 21 days. There are still no US cases.

THE ELECTION -- WHAT HAPPENED

Hoax bomb threats forced the evacuation of polling places at an elementary school in Toledo, Ohio and a high school in Gibraltar, Michigan. No bombs were found. A judge kept the Toledo site open until 9:15 PM, and Michigan police say they have identified a suspect. In Westchester County, New York, ballot scanners failed because of a programming mistake, not a hack, and voters used paper ballots. AP has called the House for Democrats.

WHAT TODAY'S IRAN NEWS MEANS FOR YOU

Our last brief said there was no US strike; that was wrong. US forces made limited strikes on an anti-aircraft site on Iran's Qeshm Island on Monday, and President Trump confirmed it. Iran says the US answer to its terms is "not convincing." A tanker was reported hit off Oman, and an Indian sailor was killed when his boat was struck. There is no credible threat to US soil and no national terrorism advisory in effect.

Gas prices: Oil is about $102 a barrel. Regular is $4.12, down 2.5 cents in a day, and diesel is $6.27.

Travel: Saudi Arabia says it shot down drones over Mecca province and its oil-producing Eastern Province on Tuesday. Air India has suspended Saudi flights to November 14, and nonessential US embassy staff remain ordered out. Check State Department advisories and your airline before any Middle East trip.

At home: For American families the Iran conflict still shows up mainly at the gas pump, not as a safety threat.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST -- TODAY'S PRIORITIES

SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH FLORIDA -- STORM AND FLOOD RISK TODAY

- ☐ Never drive through water over the road; turn around
- ☐ Keep phone alerts on and your phone charged
- ☐ Know a route home that avoids low-water crossings
- ☐ If a flash flood warning is issued, move to higher ground
- ☐ Check on neighbors, especially older adults living alone

WEBSITES AND ONLINE ACCOUNTS -- THIS WEEK

- ☐ Update any WordPress site to 7.1.4 before Friday
- ☐ Turn on automatic updates for your website plugins
- ☐ Ignore texts or emails about "problems with your ballot"; check with your county

GENERAL WEDNESDAY PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ Look up your local weather radio station in the table above
- ☐ International travelers: expect the new Ebola question at boarding
- ☐ Hire only licensed contractors for flood repairs
- ☐ Election season: ignore texts or emails asking you to "verify" your voter registration

CONDITION SUMMARY

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY	Incident Probable, held. Tension overseas remains high, with no credible threat to US soil.
WX-CON 1 -- Marginal	Lowered: a marginal risk of isolated strong storms and flash flooding in the Southeast and southern Appalachians, and flash flooding in southeast Florida.
SWX-CON -- Stand-Down	Quiet; no storms are expected through Friday.
COMCON 4 Increased Vigilance	21 weather radio transmitters are down or degraded across 12 states (table above); the Summerville, Georgia station is off the air inside the storm risk area.

RESOURCES

Emergency preparedness planning: fortunefavorstheprepared.com
Daily Threat Report (practitioner): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr
National Hurricane Center: nhc.noaa.gov
Disaster assistance: disasterassistance.gov
Flood safety: weather.gov/safety/flood
NOAA Space Weather Center: swpc.noaa.gov
CDC Ebola updates: cdc.gov/ebola
American Red Cross disaster welfare: redcross.org

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Ready Ledger: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/ready-ledger/

Ready Trainer: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/sw-rt/

Both together (bundle): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/bn-rlrt/

New and free: Where to Start Being Prepared, our one-page beginner guide: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/pillars/

Our specialty reports are back on schedule: COMMS Watch (alternate Tuesdays from 17-NOV), the AI, Data Center & Infrastructure Threat Brief and the Construction & Manufacturing report (alternate Wednesdays), and the Soft Target Security Brief (Thursdays). The Energy, Transportation, Banking, Healthcare, Household and Water briefs return during November. All reports: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr/