Countywide Traffic Signal Outages

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Power outages to traffic signals have created dangerous road conditions as more residents return to the city and their homes. Currently the city has dozens of traffic signals out of service along all of the major north-south roadways.

Due to the high number of Police Officers required to man the numerous intersections, the police department will resume 12 hour emergency shifts.

The St. Petersburg Emergency Operations Center is requesting assistance for 200 traffic control officers to help man the intersections.

We have received no indication when power will be restored.

In the meantime, please emphasize the following to the public:
- treat flashing traffic signals as 4-way stop signs
- proceed slowly through intersections
- heed the instructions of officers directing traffic