



PRESS RELEASE

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Wayne County Critical Situation Updates - After Effects of Hurricane Matthew *As of 5 pm*

Wayne County, NC – As of 5 pm today please be advised of the following updates:

Curfew:

County of Wayne is still under the State of Emergency and will be implementing a curfew on **Sunday at 9 pm to Monday at 6 am**. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be all areas within the jurisdiction of Wayne County. There will be no sale of alcohol.

Curfew exceptions:

- All employees who are in their official capacity during the curfew hours;
- All other law enforcement or other government or service providers responding in their official capacities;
- Those whose appearance is essential to obtain or furnish a service or commodity which is immediately necessary to sustain the health or well-being of themselves or someone within the curfew area; and
- Those whose appearance necessarily occurs in the process of leaving a place at which they were temporarily engaged and for which they could not reasonably have planned their departure so as to avoid appearing during the period which the curfew is applicable.

Shelters:

The Shelters at Spring Creek High School, North Drive, and Carver Elementary have been shut down because of loss of power and /or water. We will be standing up shelters at 5 pm today at the Old Train Depot in Mount Olive located on 110 W Main Street, Mt. Olive, NC and Carver Heights Elementary School on 411 Bunche Drive, Goldsboro, NC. Residents seeking shelter are reminded to bring their medications and if possible, blankets and pillows. Please bring anything for your children (diapers, milk, etc.). No pets will be allowed unless they are service animals (comfort animals are not service animals and not allowed).

We are in the process of identifying additional shelters. We will send out a press release when the information has been determined.

Neuse River Update:

At the 11 am update from the National Weather Service county officials has been told to prepare for the historical level of flooding on Neuse River within the next 36-48 hours. We expect the flood waters to continue throughout the week.

Emergency Personnel is going door to door notifying residents in the affected areas that they need to evacuate. It is **URGENT** if you are told that you need to evacuate to heed emergency personnel's direction.

Falls Lake Dam:

We have been in contact with the Falls Lake Dam Officials in Wake County and there **has not** been a breach of the dam and they have plenty of flood capacity left before releasing.

Duke and Tri-County Update:

Tri-County reports that eight substations are down, with 15,000 customers without power, primarily in the Seven Springs, Dudley, and Fremont areas. Those transmission lines are serviced by Duke Power (they buy power from Duke). Once the substations are operational, service to the customers should be restored quickly because they are working to repair areas damaged by downed trees.

Of the 41,933 Duke Power customers in Wayne County, 24,041 are currently without power. They could not give us a timeline for transmission line repairs for Tri-County, or for their customers. Obviously, over 50% of their customers have been impacted. Fortunately, we are in a mild weather condition.

Water:

We have several water line breaks reported by Wayne Water Districts. The locations are:

- 2 in the Grantham area at Selah Church Road and Westbrook Church Road
- 1 on NC 111 South near Cliffs of the Neuse
- 1 on Woodpeck Road at US 70 and Ditchbank Road
- 1 on NorAm Road at Bayer Science Labs.

Sheriff:

Aviation unit is monitoring rivers for debris and other obstruction that might create a barrier and/or damage bridges. We will continue to update through additional press release.

Medical Facilities:

Contingencies plans are in place to open medical facilities south of the Neuse River if water rises high enough to cut off US 117

EMS:

All EMS units are fully operational and shifts have been supplemented. All of our EMS personnel have gone into emergency shifts. If the southern portion gets cut off by the flooding, we have a backup plan to open the medical offices down in Mount Olive.

Hospital:

Wayne Memorial Hospital has power and is under normal operations and fully staff.

Damage Assessment:

City and County are performing damage assessment of all infrastructures. We will provide updates when the information becomes available.

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