



PRESS RELEASE

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Wayne County Updates

Wayne County, NC – As Wayne County continues to respond to this historical flooding event, the Emergency Operations Center wants to share the following updates:

Rising Water

The Neuse River is at historical highs. Motorists traveling on roadways where high water is occurring are strongly encouraged to turn around and not drive through it. Motorists caught by law enforcement driving around barricades and through high water will be cited for driving on a closed road.

Shelters

The following Red Cross evacuation shelters are open:

Carver Heights: 411 Bunche Street, Goldsboro, NC

Eastern Wayne High School: 1135 E. New Hope Road, Goldsboro

Carver Elementary: 400 Old Seven Springs Road, Mt. Olive

As of 2 PM today, approximately 129 people were staying at the shelters. If you have a family member at a shelter, or who may be at a shelter, you can check their status, at the Red Cross Safe and Well website at <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Emergency officials are asking that you not call 911 or the Emergency Operations Center to check on a family member's status at a shelter. This will allow emergency responders to focus on important emergency calls that are coming in.

Water Rescues

As of 3:00 PM, the Goldsboro Fire Department has responded to approximately 125 incidents that resulted in water rescues since Hurricane Matthew arrived. Wayne County Emergency Services and the 911 Call Center has responded to a total of 728 incidents of flooding, water rescue, stranded and abandoned vehicles on flooded roadways (both in the city and in the county) since 10 AM on Saturday. The 911 Call Center has received a total of 2,254

calls during this same time. On an average days, the 911 Call Center receives approximately 300 calls.

It is worth noting that these first responders have been worked tirelessly around the clock in both dangerous hurricane and flash flooding conditions, and now in very dangerous high water river flooding. The City of Goldsboro and the County of Wayne commends all of these first responders for their life saving efforts, and for the work that they will continue to do as the number of water rescue incidents continue to climb during this flooding event.

Road Closures

Please go to <https://tims.ncdot.gov/tims/regionsummary.aspx> to access the most current road closures for our area.

Water Quality

Residents who live in water districts are still encouraged to boil water out of precaution.

Curfew

Wayne County continues to operate under a State of Emergency and a curfew remains in effect for Wayne County from 9 PM until 6 AM until further notice. It is important to note that the sale of alcohol continues to be prohibited during the State of Emergency.

Donations:

For those who are wanting to help those residents impacted by floods, and who can safely access roadways into the City of Goldsboro, they can drop off donated goods at the Wayne Center, located at the Corner of George and Chestnut streets.

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