



PRESS RELEASE

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Wayne County Updates

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

High Water

High water remains an issue in Wayne County. While flooding is receding at the Arrington Bridge river gauge, flooding in the Seven Springs area is still a major concern today. There is still high water in many areas of the county and motorists are encouraged not to drive around road closure barriers or drive through areas of high water. All watercraft is banned from flooded waterways unless being used for emergency response.

Response/Recovery

The Wayne County Emergency Operations Center continues to remain in response mode for the eastern part of the county, while also remaining in recovering mode for the western part of the county as the water slowly recedes.

Three shelters remain open:

- Carver Heights Elementary- 411 Bunche Street, Goldsboro
- Eastern Wayne High - 1135 E. New Hope Road, Goldsboro
- Carver Elementary - 400 Old Seven Springs Road, Mt. Olive

Yesterday evening, approximately 226 residents were staying in the three shelters.

911 Call Center

Since 10 AM on Saturday, the 911 Call center has answered over 8,000 calls. On Wednesday, October 12, 424 calls were dispatched, including seven water rescues. On an average days, the 911 Call Center receives approximately 300 calls.

Curfew

The mandatory curfew was lifted yesterday evening. Restaurants, taverns, and other businesses can resume selling alcohol after 9 PM.

Power Outages

Duke Energy is reporting that nearly 90 percent of our customers in Wayne County have power. Restoration efforts continue throughout the affected area that has not been impacted by flooding.

Road Closures

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

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