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Storm Impact on Carteret County

Carteret County, NC – Carteret County continues to respond to emergencies and post-storm recovery efforts. Below is the latest update and current operations.

Emergency Services received resources from all over to assist the citizens of Carteret County. Assisting the County's Emergency Service agencies in rescue missions and recovery efforts are the Coast Guard, North Carolina Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Insurance, Sarasota EMS Strike Team, Marine Patrol, Nevada Task Force 1, National Guard, Fort Bragg, Atlantic Beach Fire, NC Forestry, and NC State Cooperative Extension. These agencies have assisted in completing almost 400 water rescues, transportation and distribution of resources, cutting and clearing debris, and coordinating resources.

The Newport Middle School Shelter is continuing to receive citizens seeking shelter. The shelter currently has 297 citizens and 52 animals residing at the shelter. The middle school is located at 500 E. Chatham Street, Newport NC 28570.

Pine Knoll Shores will offer re-entry tomorrow at 1pm. Residence of Pine Knoll Shores will need a re-entry pass and enter on the Atlantic Beach Bridge.

Atlantic and Emerald Isle bridges opened at 1:00 p.m. today, September 16, 2018. However, most municipalities and the County have curfews:

Cape Carteret:	6PM - 6AM
Morehead City:	Dusk-Dawn
Emerald Isle:	8PM-8AM with re-entry pass
Atlantic Beach:	8PM-8AM with re-entry pass
Newport:	Dusk to Dawn
Beaufort:	Dusk to Dawn
Carteret County:	Dusk to Dawn

Citizens that evacuated from Carteret County, should use extreme caution when traveling back to the area. Carteret County recommends citizens wait to return to the area. In addition to the surrounding counties' flooded roads into Carteret, many of Carteret County's roads are impassible or inaccessible at this time.

Electricity continues to be a slow-moving operation for the utility providers. Carteret-Craven Electric reported 5,000 of 40,000 have power restored. They currently have 200 linemen in the field working to repair circuits to get most people power in the least amount of time. Duke Power has crews out working to restore power in areas they can work safely, clear storm debris and assess damages. Please be patient, as all efforts are being used by the utility providers to restore the community's power; however, this will be a lengthy period of power restoration and recovery.

Not only does the community have little electricity restored, our resources are quickly depleting. Gas, propane and water should be used conservatively as these can be difficult to find in the County. We are working with our outside agencies to get these resources to our area as quickly as possible. Once we have information regarding where to get food and water, we will send that out to the community.

In order to assist Carteret County citizens with cleaning and clearing debris from properties, the solid waste convenient sites will resume normal business hours after 12:00 p.m. on Monday September 17, 2018 ONLY at those convenience sites that are safely accessible.

Carteret County Schools are closed through Friday, September 21, 2018. Carteret County Government offices are closed through Friday, September 21, 2018. The Commissioners' meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018 is canceled.

Cellular service continues to be spotty. Citizens who are customers of Verizon, US Cellular, and Sprint may have difficulty dialing 911. If you cannot reach 911 by calling, please text 911 or dial 252-726-1911.

Due to the poor cell phone reception and power outages across the County, it is important for our citizens that do have power to keep others informed so that they can receive the impact updates and be made aware of the resources available to them.

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