

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2018

SUBJECT: Hurricane Florence Response and Impacts

PRESENTER: Jimmy Brissie, Emergency Services Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1) PowerPoint Slides

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

During early September 2018 Hurricane Florence was forecasted to impact the southeast United States. The days leading up to landfall created considerable uncertainty related to the areas and significance of impact. As a result, all of North Carolina was bracing for impacts in their local communities. As the storm track became more defined and the impacts to Henderson County were better estimated local public safety organizations increased their posture to brace for the storm. When the impacts were limited to our community partners in Henderson County stood ready to assist others throughout the State during their time of need.

Director Brissie will provide the Board and update on the preparedness, response and recovery efforts taken by Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No Board Action requested, this item is for information only.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.



Hurricane Florence Response Update

HENDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

JIMMY BRISSIE

- Friday Sept. 7th – Discussions begin within NCEM and partners regarding potential resource needs
- Saturday Sept. 8th - Internal discussion start with Henderson County Technical Rescue Team Agencies regarding the potential of deployment to Eastern NC
- Monday Sept. 10th - NC Emergency Management begins to evaluate the overall needs across the State based on changing storm models, daily coordination calls begin with the State and National Weather Service. Plans are developed to pre-deploy local resources are reduced based on widespread impacts
- Wednesday Sept. 12th - Henderson County leadership evaluates the latest forecasts, regular conference calls begin with local disaster response stakeholders. NCEM activates our Swiftwater Rescue Team “locally”
- Thursday Sept. 13th - Local State of Emergency enacted, County response and recovery plans finalized. The Henderson County EOC was open Sat. 9/15 through Sun 9/16



Friday September 14th, 5PM NHC Update



Tropical Storm Florence
 Friday September 14, 2018
 5 PM EDT Advisory 62
 NWS National Hurricane Center

Current information: x
 Center location 34.0 N 78.6 W
 Maximum sustained wind 70 mph
 Movement W at 3 mph

Forecast positions:
 ● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post/Potential TC
 Sustained winds: D < 39 mph
 S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110 mph

Potential track area: Day 1-3 (white outline) Day 4-5 (dotted pattern)
Watches: Hurricane (pink) Trop Stm (yellow)
Warnings: Hurricane (red) Trop Stm (blue)
Current wind extent: Hurricane (brown) Trop Stm (orange)



Sunday Sept. 16th -

Based on limited impacts to Henderson County any extra resources are released for unmet needs across the State

Tuesday Sept. 18th –
through Fri. Sept. 21st

Henderson County deploys the following resources to impacted areas in Eastern North Carolina to provide additional support to local agencies:

- One Emergency Manager to the Duplin County EOC
- Water Rescue Team to Kinston and ultimately Wilmington, NC. Team comprised of 17 personnel from Fire Depts., Rescue Squad and EMS
- Three Public Health nurses to a Robeson County evacuation shelter
- One EMS Paramedic to a Pender County field hospital
- One Emergency Services officer to the NC Helo-Aquatic Rescue Team
- *Additional resources remained ready to assist as needed*

All Henderson County personnel returned from their assignments by Wednesday September 26th



Duplin County



Duplin County



Henderson County Technical Rescue Team Wilmington, NC

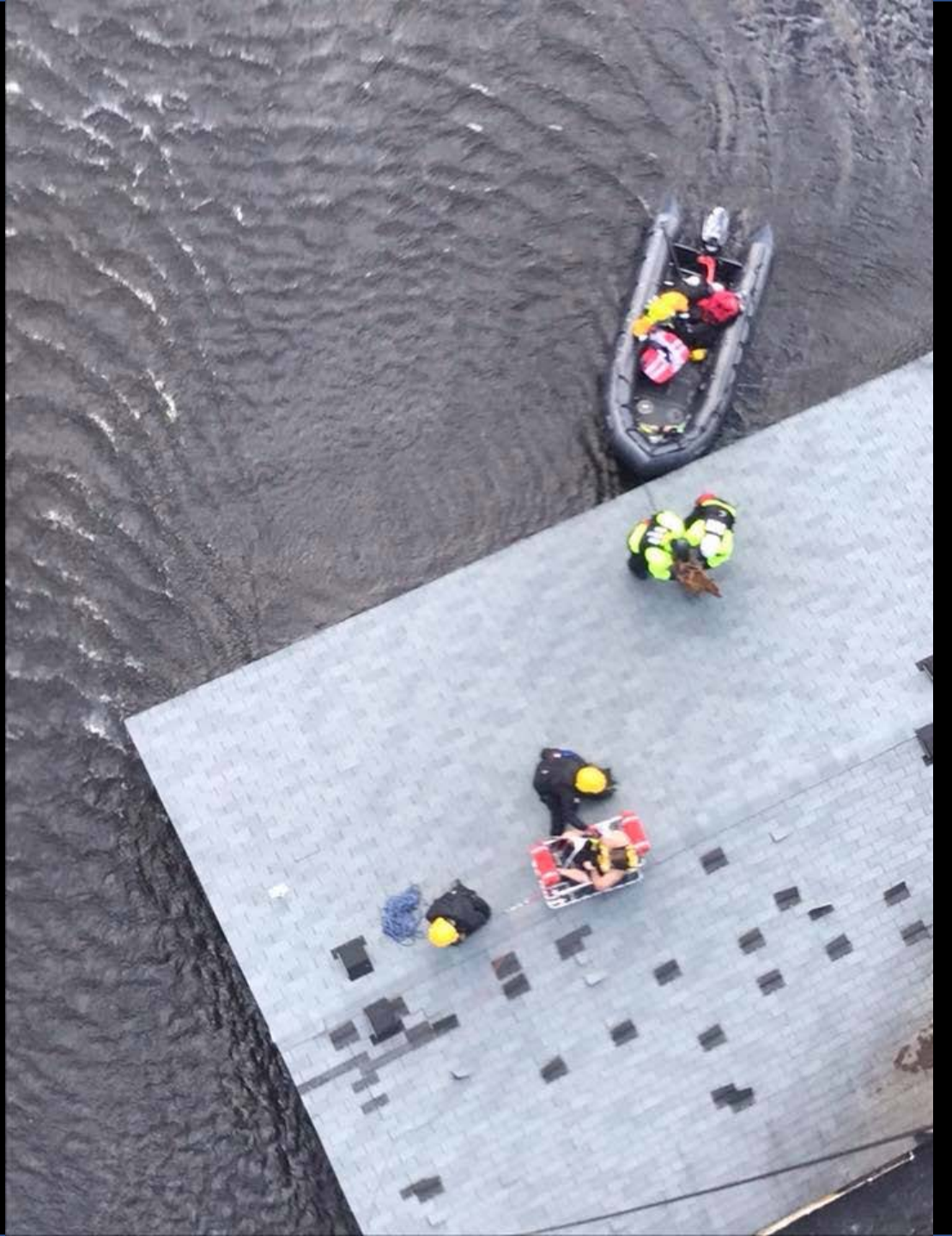


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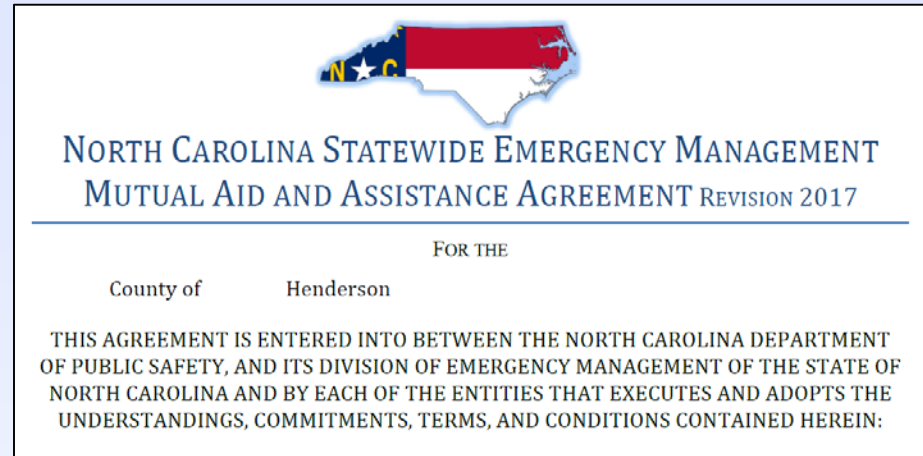




NC Helo-Aquatic Rescue Team



NC Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement



Statewide “Mutual Aid” is coordinated through County & City Associations, Trade Associations and County Emergency Management Offices.

Terms for providing and receiving mutual aid are identified in a Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. Reimbursements are available in many cases based on actual costs incurred.

All mutual aid provided is based on meeting the needs of the local jurisdictions first.



After Action Review

- **All disasters begin & end at the local level**
- Preparedness is key to enhancing the resiliency of the community
- Community members should be prepared to be self sufficient for 72 hours minimum
- Response and Recovery require a community-wide approach of Citizens, Non-Profits and Government Agencies
- Henderson County is blessed to have a strong culture of teamwork and collaboration across all disciplines

