

Town of Pittsboro
Inclement Weather Operations Plan
Hurricane Matthew, October 2016

Mission Purpose:

Hurricane Matthew is a significant weather event that is predicted to impact the southeastern United States beginning around October 6, 2016 and could affect central North Carolina as the storm moves up the east coast. Fortunately the current weather predictions do not predict a significant weather event in the Pittsboro area but the Town needs to be prepared in case conditions change. If the storm changes direction there is the potential for significant rain, strong winds and adverse weather conditions. This could create problems in our community. The Town of Pittsboro has the responsibility to provide the best possible services during adverse weather events while insuring for the safety of its staff. Several town departments have prepared as much as possible to continue to provide essential services to our community.

Chief Crutchfield has been in communication with the Emergency Management Director and other County Service organizations where preplans were made in the event the Emergency Operations Center needs to be activated. The following is a summation of the Town of Pittsboro's preparation for this event. Chief Crutchfield will continue to coordinate with Emergency Management officials and will oversee coordination between them and the Town of Pittsboro as needed.

Pittsboro Police Department

The Police Department will continue to patrol the town. PPD staff will respond to emergencies and calls for service as dispatched. Officers will be visible to the public and monitor the weather, traffic and other conditions. Officers shall respond accordingly to all events. PPD staff will:

- Coordinate with the Emergency Operations center and other agencies to provide essential services to all members of the community
- Provide visible presence and security to the citizens
- Respond to calls for service and other events as needed
- Gather intelligence and information on events and hazardous situations
- Assist with any other law enforcement duties as circumstances determine.

Pittsboro Water Plant and Operations

The Pittsboro water plant has prepared for an adverse weather event. Appropriate staff are prepared to respond if the need arises to keep the plant operational to provide services.

- The water plant has a permanent generator in place as an alternate power source in case of a loss of power
- The water plant director has a generator available for the raw water intake so we can continue to produce water
- We have advised county managers staff that we should have potable water available if the need arises for emergency distribution.

Pittsboro Public Utilities

The utilities department has prepared for possible complications from rainwater and storm debris. The public utilities director has:

- Staff available for call back as needed for damage mitigation.
- All available equipment is ready and accessible for immediate deployment.
- The closure and detouring of any areas that become flooded
- The removal of debris from town streets and essential services (i.e. Fire Dept., EMS, etc.)
- Assisting other town, county or state organizations as needed and approved

Wastewater treatment

The wastewater treatment plant will be monitoring weather conditions. If there is a heavy amount of rainfall this could cause a large capacity of wastewater due to influx. The wastewater staff are preparing in case the need arises.

State of Emergency

If needed we will ask Mayor Perry to issue a “Declaration of a State of Emergency” under NC G.S. 166A-19.22. If a state of emergency is declared appropriate town staff may receive additional instructions from the Town Manager, Chief of Police or his designee.

Special Notes:

- This plan will remain in effect until the weather threat has been eliminated.
- If needed Chatham County will open shelters.
- The Shelters will be staffed by Chatham County Personnel and Chatham County Sheriff’s Office staff for security.
- There is the potential for downed energized power lines. At NO TIME will any town personnel take any unnecessary risk. Duke Energy should be notified immediately and all staff should follow all proper safety precautions to prevent injury to the staff and public.

Emergency Contact List:

Town Mgr. Bryan Gruesbeck	(231)425-6023	
Utilities Director John Poteat	(919)548-1622	(919)412-7554
Utilities Supervisor Jr. Goldston	(919)548-3253	
Water Supervisor Adam Pickett	(919)708-8896	
On call utilities	(919)548-3797	
Water plant	(919)542-2530	

Police Dept.

Chief Percy Crutchfield	(919)548-3673
Lt. Troy Roberson	(919)548-2569
Sgt. Shorty Johnson	(919)930-5864