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Charleston County Hurricane Matthew Update #1

<u>Charleston County's Emergency Management Department</u> is monitoring the potential path of Hurricane Matthew. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) moved to OPCON 4 at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2 in coordination with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. The EOC has not been activated but we have staff ready in case the weather situation changes.

Staff has participated in daily conference calls to remain up-to-date on the storm's path and potential impacts. While the path of Hurricane Matthew remains uncertain, citizens should take the time to review emergency plans and check supplies.

<u>Current Charleston County Hurricane guide:</u> http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/hurricane-guides/2016-Hurricane-Guide-Color-Full-Size.pdf

Know Your Zone: http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/hurricane.php#zones

Definition of OPCON levels: http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php

Charleston County residents can register for the Charleston County Citizen Alert System, a free program that
allows the public to receive voicemail, text message, and e-mail notifications about emergency situations, such as
critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing
persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods or a hurricane evacuation order. When notified, citizens
will hear a message that gives details on the emergency and includes instructions on any actions they should
take. Register online at: https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085611698#/login

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