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Hurricane Irene Update #17

Hurricane Irene update as of August 28, 2011, 4:00 am
St. Mary's County continues under a Hurricane Warning and Flash Flood Warning.

Citizens are strongly encouraged for their own safety to stay off of the roads. There are fallen trees and flooded roads that have created dangerous conditions.

The State Highway Administration has closed the Thomas Johnson Bridge due to high winds.

Agencies are currently assembling tactical teams with a combination of SMECO, State Highway Administration, Dept of Public Works and Transportation, Sheriff’s Office, MD State Police, Volunteer Fire Departments and Rescue Squads, and contract support to strategically and systematically address access to and from power restoration priorities, first responder running areas, local priority routes, and private property assistance. Roadways involved in the initial coordination damage assessment efforts, which is expected to begin between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 am on Sunday, August 28, 2011, include but are not limited to: MD Routes 5 and 235, MD Routes 4 and 234, MD Routes 244 and 249, MD Route 245, MD Route 238 and 242, MD Route 236. Also included in the initial coordination to assist with first responder running areas include Lawrence Ave, Old Flora Corner Rd, Buck Hewitt Rd, Great Mills Rd, Three Notch Rd, Colton’s Point Rd, Dryden Rd, Doctors Crossing Way, Rescue Ln, Hills Club Rd, Therese Cir, Fire Dept Ln, South Coral Dr, Point Lookout Rd, Colton’s Point Rd, Drayden Rd, and Three Notch Rd.

STS Transportation, Convenience Centers and St. Andrews Landfill will be closed Sunday, August 28th.

Please stay tuned to your local radio, television stations, and the county’s website www.co.saint-marys.md.us for further updates.

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