



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **County's Patuxent Building Evacuated; BOCC Meeting Delayed Until 9:30**

The St. Mary's County Government Building housing the Departments of Land Use and Growth Management and Recreation and Parks, the Treasurer's Office, and the Sheriff's Office, known as the Patuxent Building, has been evacuated as a precautionary measure due to possible weather-related structural problems.

Today's Board of County Commissioners meeting, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., has been delayed while an investigation occurs.

The building, opened in 2002, is located on the Governmental Center campus in Leonardtown. All employees have safely exited the building and a structural analysis is underway. All non-essential county employees have been dismissed and granted administrative leave. The Sheriff's Office employees have been relocated to the Emergency Operations Center in the Public Safety Building and to the George Washington Carver Center in Lexington Park on Lincoln Avenue.

More information will be forthcoming and these departments will not be operating for the remainder of the day.

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