



## **Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

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### ***NEWS RELEASE***

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#### **CEMA Remains in Operating Condition 3 Known as the Mobilization Phase**

**Chatham County, GA (September 1, 2019)** - The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) remains in the Mobilization Phase (Operation Condition 3). This phase allows Chatham County to start moving assets should they be needed. These assets put response teams in place to assist with potential evacuation efforts and stage equipment to prepare for potential impacts to Chatham County.

Today CEMA staff have coordinated with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to ensure we have the resources needed to respond to possible storm threats. CEMA has also coordinated with many local and regional partners to ensure a quick and timely execution of our emergency plans. The Command Police Group, which is comprised of elected officials and County/Municipality leaders, also convened to be briefed on current conditions of the storm and the potential impacts to Chatham County.

Chatham County Animal Services is no longer accepting animals into the shelter as staff prepares to possibly evacuate animals already in their care.

The latest forecast from the National Hurricane Center has Hurricane Dorian passing off the coast of Georgia on Wednesday. There can still be significant changes to the intensity and track of this storm and everyone should continue to monitor official sources for information like our local media stations.

“ A hurricane doesn’t sneak up on you. We have been watching Dorian for a while. We encourage everyone to take the next day or two to make sure you have a family plan, don’t forget you pets in that plan, and make a hurricane kit. You can find all the information you need for preparing for storm threats on the CEMA website at [ChathamEmergency.org](http://ChathamEmergency.org),” said Dennis Jones the Director of CEMA.

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