



## **Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

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# *NEWS RELEASE*

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### **CEMA Enters OPCON 3, the Mobilization Phase**

**Chatham County, GA (September 12, 2018)** - The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is closely monitoring Hurricane Florence and is coordinating response efforts with local, regional and state agencies. Chatham County could be impacted by tropical storm conditions within the next 48 hours.

Impacts to Georgia could be tropical storm force winds and rainfall. Residents in areas that typically flood should stay alert for possible flooding. Residents should stay tuned to local radio or television for current weather information.

CEMA's preparation and response activities include:

- Conducting conference calls with the Command Policy Group, which is comprised of elected officials and County/Municipality leaders, surrounding emergency management agency (EMA) directors, the National Weather Service and neighboring states for in-depth discussion of the latest forecasts and storm scenarios
- Coordinating with local, regional, state departments and volunteer and private sector partners

CEMA is encouraging residents to finalize their preparedness efforts. Some activities may include:

- Filling prescription medications, stocking up on oxygen and other medical supplies needed for 3-5 days.
- Prepare for potential prolonged power outages- stock up on gasoline for generators, gather non-perishable food items, and charge your cell phone and any additional back-up batteries.

For a list of other items visit the CEMA website, [ChathamEmergency.org](http://ChathamEmergency.org).

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