

## **Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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

**Chatham County, GA (October 9, 2018)** - The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is closely monitoring Hurricane Michael. Coordination of response efforts with local, regional and state agencies continue. Chatham County will likely be impacted by tropical storm conditions Wednesday into Thursday.

Chatham County is currently under a Tropical Storm Watch. Chatham County residents, business owners and visitors should expect tropical storm force winds, 3-5 inches of rain, isolated tornados, coastal flooding, possible flash flooding and RIP currents. Residents should stay tuned to local radio and/or television for current weather information.

CEMA continues to work with the Command Policy Group (which is comprised of elected officials, County/Municipality leaders) and surrounding emergency management agency (EMA) directors to make decisions about the response to the storm.

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

- Secure loose or lightweight items outside your house or business.
- Filling prescription medications, stocking up on oxygen and other medical supplies needed for 3-5 days.
- Prepare for potential prolonged power outages; 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.

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