

# **CAROLINA TRACE HURRICANE MATTHEW RESPONSE**





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THE LAND

THE COMMUNITY

THE DEMOGRAPHICS

THE TEAM



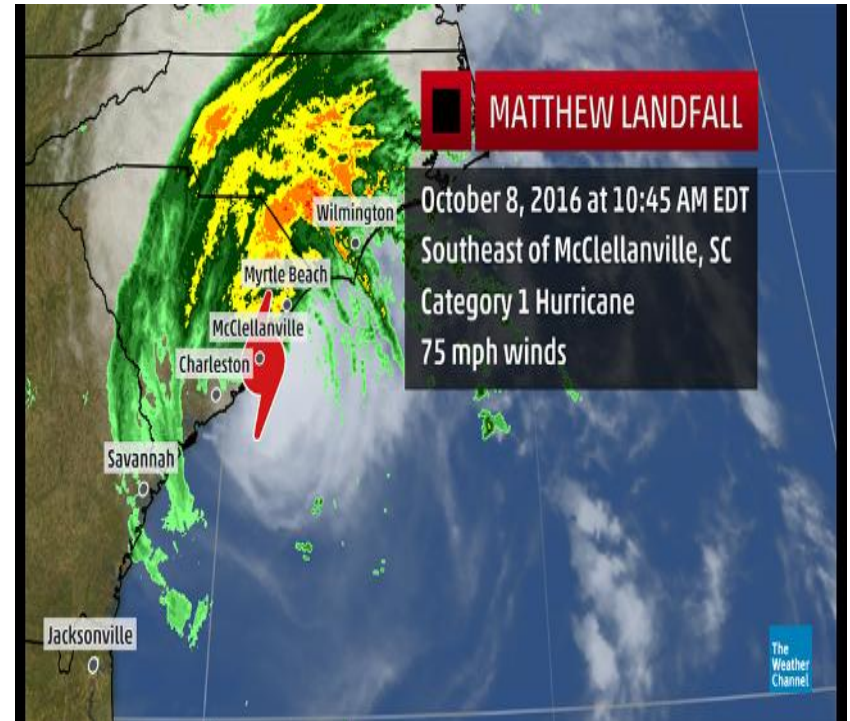
# THE WEATHER FORECAST

4-12" Rainfall

30–50 mph winds coupled  
w/already wet ground will  
result in downed trees

Due to last week's heavy  
rains and flooding the  
Sandhill's region is  
vulnerable to flooding

Carolina Trace CERT in the  
middle of a Simulated  
Activation Exercise











# THE STAKE HOLDERS

- Lee County EOC
- Carolina Trace Fire Dept.
- CERT
- EMS
- Carolina Trace Assoc.
- Red Cross
- COLTS
- Carolina Trace Country Club
- Spontaneous volunteers
- Tree Cutters
- Residents



# POSSIBLE CERT MISSIONS

- Traffic Control in vicinity of flooded roads
- Assisting firefighters and EMS with SAR, triage and treatment
- Organizing spontaneous volunteers
- Assisting County with Shelter operations



# DEPLOYMENT/OPERATIONS

**0900-1200** – Simulated CERT Deployment Exercise

**1300** - Briefed EOC Director on developing situation and received deployment order to “go for it”.

**1330** - CERT deploys for TC operations – flooded roadways.

**1500** - EOC requests CERT help with shelter operations.

**1600** - CERT shelter support put on hold.

**1700** – Dam overflowing Lake Trace and main roadways flooded.

**1730** – Through EOC Fire Department requests Carolina Trace Country Club be opened as a temporary shelter.

**1800** – CERT coordinates for use of Country Club.

**2100** – Flooding begins to subside

**2300** - Roads safe for travel.

**2330** – CERT stands down.



# EQUIPMENT NEEDS

- Our team is well equipped but....
- Radios:
  - Narrow Band Digital
  - MURS
  - Amateur
- Portable lights for night time operations – both to see and to be seen.
- Antenna upgrades
- Chainsaws



# “TAKE AWAYS”

- Volunteer availability
- Murphy’s Law
- Community response plans usually need work –
  - Evacuations
  - Emergency responses
  - Recovery operations
  - Disaster assessments
- Good radio communication is key to success
- Stake holders must coordinate
- First responders understanding of CERT do’s and don’ts





*That's all Folks!*