

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!