

BEAUFORT COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

PROCLAMATION OF A BEAUFORT COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY

Section 1. Pursuant to County of Beaufort State of Emergency Ordinance and Chapter 166A of the General Statutes and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined therein exists in the County of Beaufort.

Section 2. I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Beaufort.

Section 3. I hereby order all county law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management workers subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the county emergency ordinances that are set forth below. This requires all Beaufort County departments to work within the National Incident Management System during Hurricane Irene's Response and Recovery Phases.

Section 4. EXECUTION OF EMERGENCY PLAN

All civilian and emergency management workers are hereby ordered to comply with the emergency operations plan.

Section 5. MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY EVACUATION OF COUNTY RESIDENTS

I have determined that, in the best interest of public safety and protection, it is necessary for citizens in Storm Surge, Flood prone and High wind areas of Beaufort County to Evacuate (Mandatory Order) the remainder of the County will be in a voluntary Evacuation Status in response to Hurricane Irene's approach. Citizens are free to use any type of legal transportation, but they are to only use the designated evacuation routes. This Evacuation will be controlled through close coordination between Beaufort County Emergency Management, Beaufort County Sheriff and the North Carolina Highway Patrol utilizing North Carolina Coastal Region Evacuation Plan. The Greater Pamlico Chapter of the American Red Cross in conjunction with Beaufort County Emergency Management, Beaufort County Department of Social Services and Beaufort County Health Department will open shelters as necessary to provide our citizens a safe environment during the evacuation periods.

Section 6. TRAVEL

I have further determined that in the best interest of public safety, that once sustained winds reach 50 miles per hour and until they subside below 50 miles per hour that travel in the County should be restricted to emergency situations. This is necessary as the county could be impacted by tornadoes, severe storms, flash flooding, and low visibility during this period. The flash flooding and high winds will create a situation where rescue will be impossible.

Section 7. FINES

The Beaufort County fine for violating this State of Emergency Ordinance is 100.00 plus court cost.

Section 8. EXECUTION OF EMERGENCY PLAN

All civilians, Beaufort County first responders and emergency management workers are hereby ordered to comply with the emergency operations plan and enforcement of this proclamation.

Section 9. This Proclamation shall become effective immediately. Proclaimed this August 25, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. This State of Emergency will remain in effect until it is lifted by this commission.


_____, Chairman
Beaufort County Board of Commissioners