



News Release



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Cumberland County and City of Fayetteville
Joint Information Center
910-437-1880 or 910-321-6676 (media calls only)
910-677-5509 (public can call this number)

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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The following is the latest information from the City and County Joint Information Center. A short press conference will be held at 4:30 p.m. today in Room 119 of the Cumberland County Courthouse to update the media and public on progress made in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

The Fayetteville Regional Airport is open; however, there will be no commercial departures today.

All major roadways in Fayetteville will be clear by 1:30 p.m. today, except for Gillespie Street, which has a sinkhole.

Emergency crews are working diligently to repair traffic signals out across the city. Drivers, who should only be out for emergency reasons, are advised to treat all inactive signals as four-way stops. We are aware of the outages and do not need residents calling in to report these inactive signals.

City residents are asked to bring storm debris to the curb. Further instructions on possible restrictions will be released in future updates.

Here's a list of important numbers:

- FAST buses for those who need emergency transport to shelters – **910-433-1287**
- Non-emergency issues – **910-677-5509**
- PWC for downed trees and live wires – **910-483-1382**
- Lumbee River EMC – **(910) 843-4131**
- South River EMC – **(910) 892-8071**
- Duke Energy Progress - **(800) 419-6356**
- Piedmont Natural Gas - **(800) 752-7504**

We respectfully ask that residents refrain from asking first responders when the power will be on. All utility companies are working diligently to assess and restore service. Please contact your respective utility company and not the Emergency Operations Center or first responders to report outages.

North Carolina Baptist Men will be responding with their mobile food kitchen to assist in feeding residents staying in the emergency shelters. The group will arrive this evening and will begin operations Monday morning.

Rescues - There have been 254 water rescue calls, 699 people rescued; and 4 people remain missing. There have been three fires started after power was restored and appliances left on.

Smith Lake dam on Fort Bragg has breached.

The public is encouraged to call the Emergency Operations Center for non-emergency purposes at 910-677-5509 and to continue calling 911 for emergencies.

Media should call the Joint Information Center at 910-437-1880 or 910-321-6676 for media queries. Residents can call the Emergency Operations Center at 910-677-5509 for non-emergencies.

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