



News Release



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Lake Upchurch Dam Approaching Failure City Issues 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Curfew JIC Media Release 5:30 PM

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Lake Upchurch Dam is approaching failure and citizens need to take action immediately and follow their emergency action plan.

The City of Fayetteville has issued a curfew effective from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to keep people off the roadways and lessen the strain on first responders.

There have been 72 calls for water rescues and there are 107 people in shelters. The Salvation Army Shelter is evacuating to one of the three emergency shelters due to flooding.

Emergency officials request that area churches evaluate the need to hold services on Sunday in light of conditions resulting from flooding and high winds. Several churches have already cancelled services for Sunday.

PWC officials report that wind conditions are now at 35 mph sustained winds and 60 mph gusts to the point that they cannot use their bucket trucks safely. Crews are continuing to work in areas where it is safe.

Flooding and road conditions are preventing PWC's vacuum trucks from working its lift stations and most lift stations have high water alarms. Glenville Lake's water level is very high but the dam is still holding.

The Greenock Avenue Dam in the Aaron Lakes area is overtopping and the possibility of failure is high. Aaron Lakes residents who live downstream are encouraged to evacuate to the South View High School shelter. Other shelters are at Smith Recreation Center and Spring Lake Recreation Center.

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.

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