



News Release



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Out-of-State Swift Water Rescue Team Assisting in Water Rescue Operations JIC Media Release 9:00 p.m.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Swift water rescue teams from New York (45-person team), New Jersey (85-person team) and Ohio (85-person team) are helping rescue stranded motorists and those in flooded homes. The New York team is already on the ground and assisting in rescue efforts and the New Jersey and Ohio teams are expected in Fayetteville tonight or early tomorrow.

We continue to stress that there is no need for residents to be out in vehicles across the city and county at this time, and we especially don't want drivers attempting to traverse flooded roadways. While we are charged with rescuing those in need, poor choices made by those on the roads are hindering our ability to attend to and rescue other residents.

There are now four people missing, all attributed to high water.

At this point we have made 96 swift water rescues and 424 people have been rescued. There are 500 service calls pending for fire/emergency services and those calls are prioritized based upon life-threatening needs.

Libraries will be closed Sunday

All Cumberland County libraries will be closed on Sunday.

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