



News Release



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Spring Lake Update, Missing Person Found, Water Available JIC Media Release 10:30 a.m.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Emergency crews throughout Cumberland County are transitioning to a recovery mode of operations since floodwaters have begun to recede. Our initial plan is to begin damage assessment activities to fully understand and evaluate the impact of Hurricane Matthew in the City and County.

There has been a federal declaration to provide varied sources of assistance for this emergency, which was detailed in a separate release.

NC Task Force 9, our local Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) swift water rescue team, has been dispatched to eastern North Carolina to assist with water rescues associated with catastrophic flooding.

Rumor Control: Woodlake Dam/Spring Lake Evacuations:

The Town of Spring Lake issued a mandatory evacuation order last night to residents and businesses along the Lower Little River downstream from Wood Lake, to include the following areas in particular: the Bragg Estates community on Vass Road, residents on West Manchester Road from the old Fort Bragg Water Treatment Plant to NC Highway 87, and the Riverside Mobile Home Park along the Lower Little River in Spring Lake.

An evacuation order has not been issued for the Town of Spring Lake in its entirety. The Woodlake Dam has not breached.

Missing Persons Update/Fatalities:

Fayetteville Police Department has confirmed that Mr. Boris Abbey, one of the two people reported as missing after Hurricane Matthew, has been located and is safe.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is currently conducting a death investigation of a body found yesterday in the northeastern portion of Cumberland County. The identity of the victim and whether or not the death was related to Hurricane Matthew will be released upon completion of the investigation.

Water Distribution Points Updates:

Residents can still go to the following locations to pick up free water provided by emergency management officials. Distribution is limited to one case per family.

- Walmart, 670 Lillington Hwy in Spring Lake
- Walmart, 3030 N. Main Street, Hope Mills
- Walmart, 7701 S. Raeford Rd., Fayetteville
- J.W. Seabrook Elementary School, 4619 NC HWY 210 S, Fayetteville
- District 7 Elementary School, 5721 Smithfield Rd., Wade

Shelter Locations and Updates:

Five shelters are still in operations throughout the area. The current combined occupancy of these shelters is 146 people. The location of the five shelters is listed below.

- Spring Lake Recreation Center at 245 Ruth St. is the closest shelter. Other shelter locations are:
- Smith Recreation Center, 1520 Slater Ave., Fayetteville
- South View Middle School, 4100 Elk Road, Hope Mills
- Kiwanis Recreation Center, 352 Devers Road, Fayetteville
- Mac Williams Middle School, 4644 Clinton Road, Fayetteville

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