

## MEDIA ADVISORY

AUGUST 31, 2006

FAYETTEVILLE – Tropical Storm Ernesto is expected to pass through Cumberland County later tonight. It is expected to bring sustained winds of 25 mph with gusts up to 40 mph. Between three and five inches of rain is also anticipated. Because of the unpredictable nature of such storms, the rain may well exceed that estimate in some areas.

All citizens of Cumberland County are encouraged to be informed about the storm's path, and to prepare for the storm's arrival. Preparations should include securing containers of clean water, and stocking up on flashlights and batteries in case of a power outage.

Cumberland County Emergency Management officials are closely monitoring the storm's progress and further advisories will be issued if needed.