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Shelter Remains Open, Residents Advised to Use Caution

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Smith Recreation Center at 1520 Slater Ave. in Fayetteville remains open this morning for residents displaced by flash flooding on Washington Drive and Robeson Street.

Cumberland County Emergency Management, in conjunction with the City of Fayetteville, opened the shelter Tuesday night and 23 residents stayed there overnight; 15 citizens remain at the shelter this morning. The Red Cross and Emergency Management are working to coordinate other arrangements for the citizens, and the shelter will remain open until all displaced residents have somewhere to go.

One-Stop Voting at the Smith Recreation Center will continue on schedule from 12 to 7 p.m. today.

Road Closures

The Fayetteville Police Department encourages the public to avoid the Festival Park area due to flooding and reports that the following streets remain closed:

- Ray Avenue (from Rowan Street to Maiden Lane)
- Ray Avenue at Mason Street
- Arch Street (from Ray Avenue to Mason Street)
- 71st School Road is closed until further notice at the intersection of Old Bunce Road
- South Cool Spring Street near Vanstory Street is closed

Safety Tips

Water in creeks and roads are expected to rise as the heavy rains continue through the week. Drivers are encouraged to take caution when approaching water in roadways and Turn Around Don't Drown®. Included below are some safety tips from the National Weather Service:

- Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio, or your favorite news source for vital weather-related information
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers

FAST Detours

Route 4 – DSS-Rosehill Road-VA Medical Center

Detour for Rt. 4

Outbound - regular route to Bow St., Right - Green St., Left - Rowan St., Right - Ray Ave., regular route.

Inbound - regular route to Ray Ave., Left - Rowan St., Right - Green St., Right - Maiden Ln., Left - Ray Ave., regular route.

Route 12 – Filter Plant-Murchison Road-FSU-University Estates

Detour for Rt. 12

Outbound - regular route to Ray Ave., Left - Hay St., Right - Bragg Blvd., regular route.

Route 8, which uses Campbell Avenue, was initially blocked between Gillespie Street and Old Wilmington Road but is now open.

Fayetteville Call Center

The Fayetteville Call Center, 433-1FAY (1329), is back in operation with two phone lines open and staff is accepting calls. Work continues on restoring the remaining phone lines. Residents are asked to call 433-1FAY for reporting problems regarding trash pickup, traffic lights, potholes, downed street signs and other service requests.

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