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Storm Update

Residents Asked to Report Damage, Shelter Remains Open

(FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.) — Emergency management officials are asking residents in the city and county who experienced flood and tornado damage to their homes and commercial properties as a result of the April 29 storms to call 2-1-1, the United Way's information referral center, by May 9.

The information will be forwarded to Cumberland County Emergency Management and a damage database established. City and county emergency management staff will follow up with callers to schedule a site assessment visit. Emergency management will use the information to identify frequently flooded areas, update mitigation plans and seek mitigation funding.

Shelter Remains Open

The Smith Recreation Center at 1520 Slater Ave. remains open as a shelter for nine individuals from three families displaced by flooding in the Washington Drive and East Orange Street areas. The Red Cross is coordinating lodging for the individuals once the shelter closes Friday at 8 a.m.

FAST Update

Ray Avenue is now open and the Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST) is back on regular routes for Routes #4 and #12.

PWC Notification of Discharge of Untreated Sewage

House Bill 1160, which the General Assembly enacted in July 1999, requires municipalities, animal operations, industries and others who operate waste handling systems issue news releases when a spill of 1,000 gallons or more reaches surface waters. In accordance with that regulation, the following news release has been prepared and issued to media in Cumberland County:

Excessive rainfall causing regional flooding on Tuesday, April 29, resulted in a sanitary sewer overflow into Buckhead Creek. The Fayetteville Public Works Commission responded to an overflow at a manhole adjacent

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to 4132 Raeford Road at 7 p.m. after a sanitary sewer bypass pumping operation became submerged by elevated storm waters in the creek. Bypass operations were being conducted in conjunction with a sanitary sewer outfall rehabilitation project by a PWC contractor.

A total of 800,000 gallons of untreated wastewater, heavily diluted by rainfall and flood waters, overflowed into Buckhead Creek, a tributary that leads to Rockfish Creek. The overflow ended at 4:50 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, when flood waters subsided and replacement equipment was installed. PWC cleaned and treated the affected area and the Division of Water Quality was notified of the event. Due to the heavy dilution of the wastewater, no environmental impact was associated with this spill.

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