



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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CEMA Enters the Watch/Warning Phase

Chatham County, GA (September 27, 2022) – The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has entered the Watch/Warning Phase (Operating Condition 3) and is closely monitoring Hurricane Ian. CEMA is coordinating response efforts with local, regional, and State agencies.

The greatest impact to Chatham County could be heavy rainfall, with predictions of up to 6 inches in 24 hours. Residents in low-lying areas should stay alert for possible flooding. A risk of severe weather, including tornadoes also exists. Residents can sign up for CEMA Alerts at chathamemergency.org or text CEMA to 77295 to receive up-to-date information as it becomes available. Residents are also encouraged to stay tuned to local radio or television for current weather information.

CEMA's preparation and response activities include:

- Conducting coordination calls with the Command Policy Group, County and Municipal leaders, surrounding Emergency Management Agencies, State officials, volunteer and private sector partners, and the National Weather Service for in-depth discussion of the latest forecasts and storm scenarios.
- The County's Emergency Operations Center remains at a Level III Activation with staffing specifically dedicated to monitoring storm conditions, predictions, and potential impacts as well as ensuring information is shared with stakeholders.

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