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State Actions (pre-event):

ESF 1 (Transportation): Assets and personnel in all 46 counties were placed on standby as of **noon on Friday** before the onset of the event.

ESF 2 (Communications): Identified two (2) satellite trailers, three (3) 100 foot mobile communications towers, three (3) mobile generators, 300 radios, 50 cell phones, airborne repeaters and satellite phones available for deployment where needed.

ESF 3 (Public Works/Engineering): Coordinated list of available assets and contacts at state agencies. Identified support agencies and contact for additional personnel.

ESF 4 (Fire): Coordinated Incident Management Team to help coordinate support, aerial support. Identified assets to be used if needed. Identified backfill resources if other needed to deploy to other areas and revisited the statewide mobilization process. Coordinated discussions to discuss "what if" scenarios.

ESF 5 (Information & Planning): Began information flow to stakeholders on Sunday, Sept. 27. Conducted coordination calls with National Weather Service Columbia, Charleston, Wilmington and Greenville/Spartanburg. Conducted coordination calls with National Hurricane Center in Miami. Conducted coordination calls with FEMA Region IV. Conducted coordination calls with Southeastern River Forecast Center. Conducted coordination calls/email updates with all counties.

ESF 6 (Mass Care): Alerted Salvation Army, Red Cross, South Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (SC VOAD) and other sister agencies available for operations and all available assets and resources. Alerted up to 2,000 state employees to assist with Mass Care functions.

ESF 7 (Resource Support): Notified 17 trained state employees for possible activation. Maintained stand-by contracts for cots, meals ready to eat, motor coaches, tarps, bottled water, emergency assistance and Government Services contracts. Notified contract holders of possible emergency.

ESF 8 (Health & Medical Services): Activated administrative control center, DHEC's command center for emergencies on Friday. Began staffing at the SEOC in support of ESF 8, ESF 10 and ESF 15. Contacted Healthcare Coalitions and placed on standby. Contacted nursing home and assisted living associations. Contacted DHEC's SCHeart, DHEC's network of ham operators that can be dispatched into hospitals and set up emergency networks should all communications be lost.

Maintained database of all facilities with up to date contact information to allow contact in emergency situations. Bureau of EMS worked directly with EMS providers to activate units in the event transportation is needed for health care facilities. EMS has the ability to activate ambulances as needed for any emergency. The Bureau of Radiological Health has plans in place to secure radiological materials in the event of an emergency. Specially trained staff are dispatched to sites and recover impacted equipment. The Bureau of Certification worked with CMS certified facilities and provides a bridge between those facilities and CMS in the event of an emergency situation. This staff stands ready to be dispatched in emergency situations and provides assistance in the relocation of residents/patients. The division of Health Construction and Planning conducts life and safety inspections at facilities throughout the state. The division stands ready to respond to an emergency need to inspect alternative locations in the event an evacuation is needed. Select members Health Regulations staff are trained in emergency preparedness and for staffing of the EOC.

ESF 9 (Search & Rescue): Identified and coordinated statewide Urban Search and Rescue taskforce. Coordinated meetings with South Carolina Labor, Licensing and Regulation officials to talk about planning and "what if" scenarios, what the capabilities are, etc. Identified other state assets available for search and rescue activities. Identified other state's (outside of SC) resources available. Made contact with other taskforces through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

ESF 10 (Hazardous Materials): Participate as part of the SC Emergency Response Team with SCEMD and other agencies as the primary agency of responsibility for ESF 10, Hazardous Materials and provide assistance to ESFs 3, 5, 6, 9, and 17. Attend training in accordance with the FEMA's National Incident Management Systems (NIMS), WebEOC and other related emergency and disaster planning training. Maintained plans and procedures. Activated a Disaster Coordination Team to coordinate recovery missions for all associated environmental areas. Maintained equipment and supplies to deploy personnel to discover and monitor hazardous and radiological releases to the environment.

ESF 11 (Food Services): Placed all personnel (20) on alert at state agencies. Maintained food inventories at Fort Mill and Lexington warehouses. Monitored and maintained school food supplies. Notified and maintained contact with United States Department of Agriculture.

ESF 12 (Energy): SCA&G began dropping levels on lake, staging personnel and implementing emergency procedures. ESF 12/Regulatory Staff contacted utilities with weather timelines and expectations. Requested feedback, updates, open communications, updates to personnel.

ESF 13 (Law Enforcement): SLED notified 320 officers and placed officers on standby and for deployment. Probation and Parole placed 86 officers on alert for possible deployment and assistance. Department of Natural Resources placed all 252 officers on standby. The Department of Public Safety place all 1,000 officers on standby.

ESF 14 (Long-Term Recovery and Mitigation): Maintained contact with FEMA to coordinate efforts. Assisted with drafting of emergency response declaration. Hold annual recovery workshops stat-wide with county officials. Review and advise on debris and recovery plans per county.

ESF 15 (Public Information): Coordinated information to the public about preparedness information. Issued first news release about Hurricane Joaquin and the separate severe flooding on Sept. 30. Started posting Social Media preparedness information, hurricane guides, ect. Of the 35 posts

between Sept. 30 and Oct. 2, posts were seen by more than 250,000 people, and shared more than 1,500 times and “liked” by nearly 2,200 people. Prior to this coverage, disaster preparedness and safety information were distributed to Walgreens, all South Carolina Welcome Centers and Coastal DMV Offices. Multiple interviews were conducted with the media to prepare the public for the potential impacts. Coordinated information to counties to ensure clear, concise message across the state. Coordinated with multiple state agency communications staff to ensure preparedness information was reaching the public, through the Joint Information Center.

ESF 16 (Emergency Traffic Management): Pre-positioned assets and personnel appropriately. Distributed emergency warning order. Put all state partners on notice (SLED, DPS, DNR, etc.) in case support for traffic management was needed. Kept open line of communication with law enforcement partners to apprise them of the situation. Reviewed status of roadways with SCDOT to ensure no traffic issues ahead of time and put construction activity on hold. Identified needed resources prior to event.

ESF 17 (Animal Emergency Response): The Clemson Livestock, Poultry and Health notified the entire private vet community through the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians. Also notified all Animal Care and Control associates through the South Carolina Animal Care and Control Association. Also notified the Clemson Public Service and Agriculture staff (Extension Service, Regulatory Services).

ESF 18 (Donated Goods/Volunteer Services): Department of Administration coordinated with the South Carolina Food Bank Association, South Carolina State Guard, United Way, SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Department of Revenue and the Seventh Day Adventists. Coordinated messaging for agencies to be prepared for actions to take place. Coordinated the placement of infrastructure for call center to be activated before event began (phones, internet, computers, etc.).

ESF 19 (Military Support): Notified nearly 10,000 National Guard troops. Approximately 300 troops brought in to assist with missions and preparations. Assets repositioned as need around the state. Nearly 200,000 sandbags obtained. Numerous sandbags filled and positioned around the state. Hundreds of large (ton) sandbags procured and filled.

ESF 24 (Private Sector): ESF 24 worked with private sector partners to communicate impacts, and to build relationships. Developed distribution lists, targeted for large national/regional customers. Active chambers of commerce, organizations and associations assisted with dissemination. Monitored the situation, and provided proactive guidance and updates to business and private sector partners. Plugged-in with FEMA Private Sector desk, FEMA Region IV, National Business Emergency Operations Center to coordinate a private sector conference call.

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