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Here is the draft that we'd like to send out as soon as approved:

## HURRICANE MATTHEW COMES ASHORE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The S.C. Emergency Response Team strongly reminds all citizens coastal evacuation orders are still in effect. Hurricane Matthew has just begun impacting the state with hurricane and tropical storm-force winds, heavy rain and flooding along the coast and far inland. Forecasters say hazardous conditions will still exist for at least then next 12 hours. From Hilton Head to North Myrtle Beach, citizens are asked to stay away from evacuated areas until conditions improve and the danger subsides.

The S.C. Emergency Management Division website, [scemd.org](http://scemd.org), lists emergency shelter status statewide and is updated in real-time by the S.C. Department of Social Services. Coastal evacuees without internet access are urged to call the PIPS line if they need assistance at [1-866-246-0133](tel:1-866-246-0133). For more information visit [scemd.org](http://scemd.org) or follow @SCEMD on Twitter and Facebook.

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"South Carolina's emergency management program minimizes loss of life and property damage from all-hazard incidents."