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Hurricane Matthew

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Hurricane Matthew Update

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Friday, October 14) – The South Carolina Emergency Response Team remains fully dedicated to ongoing relief and recovery efforts as a result of Hurricane Matthew and flooding in the Pee Dee region.

The state Emergency Operations Center is activated at Operating Condition 3. State agencies are transitioning into disaster recovery roles jointly with FEMA. Teams from SCEMD and FEMA are currently conducting damage assessments in counties impacted by Matthew to determine the state's eligibility for federal disaster aid.

As of 4:00 p.m. today:

- The S.C. Department of Transportation reports as many as 155 state maintained roads and 27 bridges remain closed.
- The S.C. National Guard has mobilized 1517 personnel.
- Electric utilities report 38,375 storm-related power outages statewide.
- South Carolina food banks report a combined total 518,000 meals served to disaster survivors.
- 11 emergency shelters are open, serving 307 occupants.
- Emergency management teams from the states of Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, Louisiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Washington have supported South Carolina response and recovery efforts.

Anyone with unmet needs such as food, clothing and shelter should call 2-1-1 to be connected with local relief supplies. Residents with damage from Hurricane Matthew can call 1-800-451-1954 to request volunteers from Helping Hands to assist debris and mold cleanup.

Stay updated on the latest information about the Hurricane Matthew recovery effort by visiting www.scemd.org or following @SCEMD on Facebook and Twitter.

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