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Tropical Storm Julia

NEWS RELEASE

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (Wednesday, September 14, 2016) – South Carolina Emergency Management recommends that people pay close attention to weather associated with Tropical Storm Julia. The National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center predict that T.S. Julia could produce four to seven inches of rain, with heavier rainfall amounts possible locally, and flash flooding in many parts of the state beginning today. SCEMD, county emergency managers and state agencies are watching the latest forecasts and planning as necessary.

SCEMD urges everyone to monitor NOAA Weather Radio and local media, to review emergency plans and to use caution as conditions warrant.

Be Aware of Potential Flash Flooding

- Ø If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move to higher ground. Do not wait to be told to move.
- Ø Do not walk through moving water. Three to six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Ø Do not drive into flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be quickly swept away.
- Ø Do not ever try to drive around or move barricades that are blocking a street.
- Ø Heed warnings issued by local public safety officials. When you hear an official alert, take safety precautions immediately.

Be aware that tropical storms can form tornadoes. Pay attention to NOAA Weather Radio alerts for your area and be prepared to seek shelter if NWS issues a tornado warning for your area.

Resources

- Ø Visit www.scmd.org for updates and preparation information
- Ø Social media: @SCEMD will be posting information using hashtags #Julia #scwx, #sctweets.
- Ø All SCEMD social feeds are here: www.tinyurl.com/SocialSCEMD.

Ø Real-time road conditions from SCDOT: <http://206.74.144.9/RoadConditions/default.aspx>.

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