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**Subject:** Team South Carolina: Marion, Dillon, Florence, and Darlington Counties (Pee Dee)  
(11:00 AM-3:00 PM)  
**Location:** Marion County Administrative Building, 2523 East Highway 76, Marion, S.C.  
**When:** 10/28/2016 11:30:00 AM - 1:00:00 PM

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#### **GOVERNOR'S INTERNAL BRIEFING**

**Pee Dee Team South Carolina Day  
OCTOBER 28, 2016**

#### **SLED Agents Working:**

**Marion County Administrator/Emergency Management Agency Director:** Tim Harper  
**Darlington County Emergency Preparedness Agency Director:** Marion C. Stewart III  
**Dillon County Emergency Preparedness Agency Director:** Moses Heyward  
**Florence County Emergency Management Department Director:** Dusty Owens

**Event:** Pee Dee Team South Carolina Day

**Date:** Friday, October 28, 2016

**Location:** Marion County Administrative Building; 2523 East Highway 76, Marion, South Carolina 29571

#### **Time:**

Event runs from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NH attending from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Onsite Contact:**

Marion Sheriff's Department: Brian Wallace; 843.430.4838; [bwallace@marionsc.org](mailto:bwallace@marionsc.org)

County Administrator/Emergency Manager: Tim Harper; 843.289.1224; [tharper@marionsc.org](mailto:tharper@marionsc.org)

**Attire:** Casual

**Lead Staffer:** Katie Philpott, cell 803.201.3423

**NRH Staffer:** Abby Scott

**Note:** The Governor will mix and mingle with Darlington, Dillon, Florence and Marion county residents and work on the assembly line, creating boxes. She will also thank the agencies/non-profits for attending. There is not a set line-by-line for this event.

**Press:** Yes

**Public:** Yes

**Legislative Delegations:** Notified by Haley Mottel and Katherine Veldran on Friday, October 21, 2016 and reminded Monday, October 24, 2016.

**Darlington Delegation:**

Senate Delegation  
Kevin Johnson  
Hugh Leatherman  
Gerald Malloy  
House Delegation  
Terry Alexander  
Jackie Hayes  
Pat Henegan  
Phillip Lowe  
Jay Lucas  
Robert Williams

**Dillon Delegation:**

Senate Delegation  
Greg Hembree  
Kent Williams  
House Delegation  
Wayne George  
Jackie Hayes

**Florence Delegation:**

Senate Delegation  
Kevin Johnson  
Hugh Leatherman  
Ronnie Sabb  
Kent Williams  
House Delegation  
Terry Alexander  
Jay Jordan  
Roger Kirby  
Phillip Lowe  
Robert Williams

**Marion Delegation:**

Senate Delegation  
Kent Williams  
House Delegation  
Wayne George  
Roger Kirby

**Location Set-up:** The Marion County Administrative Building is a repurposed Walmart. The agencies and VOAD's will be at tables arranged in a horseshoe, "U" shape within a large, wide hallway. The Governor's activity will be working on the assembly line, stuffing boxes.

**Attendees:**

**AGENCIES ATTENDING:**

- DOA: Donated Goods
- SCDA: Assistance for Farmers
- DEW: Unemployment Benefits and Help Finding a Job

- DHEC: Free Tetanus Shots
- DHEC: Free Well Water Testing Kits
- DHEC: WIC Items
- DMH: Mental Health Services
- DOI: Insurance Claims and Policy Coverage
- DOR: Tax Relief Available for Flood Victims
- DSS: Food Assistance/SNAP
- HHS: Medicaid
- SCHA: Mortgage Assistance and Rental Housing
- DMV (mobile van): Replacement Identification and documents
- EMD: Disaster preparation information and volunteer help
- SC Disaster Recovery Office (DRO): Information to repair and replace damaged homes
- DDSN: Services for Individuals with Disabilities
- VA: Services for Veterans
- Office on Aging: Services for Seniors

#### **FEDERAL AGENCIES ATTENDING:**

- FEMA – Individual Assistance
- SBA – Disaster Loan Program
- USDA Rural Development (RD)
- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)

#### **PRIVATE ENTITIES ATTENDING:**

- Remote Area Medical – free health care screening
- Pee Dee Realtors Association – application for mortgage or rent relief

#### **NON-PROFITS ATTENDING:**

- American Red Cross
- United Way
- Harvest Hope Food Bank/Food Bank Association
- Lions Club District 32C
- United Methodists Conference of SC
- Helping Hands/LDS Charities
- Baptist Disaster Relief

- Adventist Community Services
- Hope AACR (therapy dogs)

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT SUMMARY**

Note – Several state agencies (DHEC, DEW, DOI) are planning or participating in multiple outreach events across the eastern half of the state in addition to our Team SC Days.

Note –The **Head Start building in Nichols** was closed due to flood damage, and DSS helped relocate the children to neighboring Head Start programs; The Mayor of Nichols wants to reopen the building, but extensive repairs may be required.

### **River Update – Waccamaw:**

- This afternoon, the Waccamaw finally fell below Major Flood Status and is now in Moderate Flood Status (between 14-12'). However, even at this stage, roads and homes are still flooded.

### **EMD:**

- No additional counties are expected to be added for either an IA or PA declaration;
- EMD is planning for temporary housing for displaced citizens with an emphasis on Marion County. A task force consisting of FEMA, ARC, HUD, and DSS are at the Mullins Shelter today to continue individual casework;
- EMD is finalizing FEMA private property debris removal approval with Horry County, Beaufort County, Georgetown County, and City of North Myrtle Beach.

### **FEMA:**

- 26 counties designated for PA;
- 24 counties designated for IA (29,337 total registrations with 3,841 applications approved thus far);
- 7 DRC sites are open.

### **National Guard:**

- 2 National Guardsmen and 23 State Guardsmen are on active duty to assist Marion County with engineering assessments of structures.

### **DOT – Road/Bridge Closures:**

- 46 closures (39 roads / 7 bridges), including 7 primary routes – we are down to the last 10% of closures (i.e. 90% of roads/bridges have been reopened in less than three weeks);
- Emergency repair contracts have been engaged, and all 10 contractors are SC firms, including one Disadvantaged Business Enterprise;
- 11 roads still remain flooded in the Pee Dee area;
- DNR Note – All deer hunting will resume this weekend in flooded areas.

### **DOT – Debris Removal:**

- 209,439 cubic yards of debris have been removed;
- Vegetative debris removal will be complete within the next 30 days – other types of debris, such as household items or flood damage items, will be removed based on the needs of communities.

### **SLED, DNR, SCHP, & PPP – Security Operations:**

- Currently, 46 personnel are serving missions in Horry, Marion, and Dillon Counties:
  - County EOC liaison;
  - Boat patrols and security patrols;
  - Shelter security.

### **DHEC – Dam Breaches:**

- 25 dam breaches (20 regulated; 8 unregulated);
- 467 dams have been inspected by DHEC and the Army Corps of Engineers;
- 21 emergency orders have been issued by DHEC to dams that were severely damaged but not breached, which will require owners to lower water levels and hire licensed engineers to inspect the damage;
- 115 directive letters have been issued, which will require dam owners to hire a licensed engineer to assess the dam for repairs.

### **DSS / DHEC – Shelters:**

- 1 general population shelter is open in Marion County (Mullins National Guard Armory) with a total occupancy of 81;
- 4 DSS and 22 Red Cross staff (26 total) man the general population shelter;

- 1 special medical needs shelter is open in Marion for 1 occupant.

**PRT – Tourism:**

- 3 state parks are closed, but Huntington Beach State Park (Murrells Inlet) will reopen tomorrow just in time for its popular Halloween festival;
- \$833,000 has been issued in state park refunds thus far;
- The only 2 major lodging properties still closed are the Wyndham Ocean Ridge (Edisto Beach) and the Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort (Hilton Head).

**DHEC / PRT – Beach Renourishment:**

- 20 emergency permits have been issued by DHEC (14 for private recreational docks and 6 for non-oceanfront bulkheads and seawalls), which will expedite repair and reconstruction;
- Local officials have instituted the following emergency orders:
  - Sandbag emergency order: Isle of Palms;
  - Sandscraping emergency orders: Isle of Palms, Hilton Head Island, Pawleys Island, Litchfield Beach, Garden City and Edisto Island;
  - Minor re-nourishment emergency order: Folly Beach;
- Edisto Beach and Horry County will be requesting additional funds for beach renourishment, but both requests are still under review.

**Forestry – Timber Damage:**

- Loss to timber industry is estimated to be \$360 million, which is less than the 2014 Ice Storm but still significant.

**DEW – Hurricane Unemployment:**

- 1,803 claims have been submitted related to Hurricane Matthew, representing 19.4% of the total claims during that timeframe.