



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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September 2, 2019

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Through: Ms. Gracia Szczech, Regional Administrator
FEMA Region IV
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 C.F.R. § 206.35, I request that you declare an emergency for the State of North Carolina as a result of the forecasted approach of Hurricane Dorian.

The National Weather Service projects that this storm will have significant impacts to the State of North Carolina as a major hurricane, as cited in the National Weather Service statement/forecast issued on September 2, 2019 (attached).

In response, I have taken appropriate action under state law and declared a State of Emergency on August 31, 2019. As part of that declaration, I directed the execution of the State Emergency Operations Plan, in accordance with Section 501(a) of the Stafford Act. The emergency area under the declaration is for all 100 counties in North Carolina and includes the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Pursuant to 44 C.F.R. § 206.35, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments, and that supplementary Federal assistance is necessary to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster.

In the last 24 months, state and local emergency management agencies have responded to three federally declared major disasters as follows: Tropical Storm Michael in October 2018, Hurricane Florence in September 2018, and a tornado in Guilford and Rockingham Counties in April 2018. Additionally, I issued a state disaster declaration in July 2019 for major flooding from heavy rains in ten counties. Agencies in the state also

responded to counties in western North Carolina due to sustained rains from the remnants of Subtropical Storm Alberto from May 15-May 30, 2018.

I am requesting Public Assistance-Category B, including direct Federal assistance, for all 100 counties.

The following information is provided on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of the emergency:

- The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) activated at 1:00 p.m. on September 1, 2019.
- On August 31, 2019, I declared a State of Emergency at 9:00 p.m. in response to Hurricane Dorian. See Executive Order 101 attached.
- I activated the State Emergency Operations Plan on August 31, 2019.
- The North Carolina National Guard will activate 312 soldiers/airmen and eight (8) armories.
- We anticipate activating more than 30 swift water rescue teams.
- We anticipate activating more than four 36 - 40 member urban search and rescue teams.
- The SERT Emergency Services Functional Branch is developing plans to implement State Medical Support Shelter operations to support local evacuations of medical facilities and special needs populations. We are standing up four EMS Ambulance Strike teams and four EMS Medical Evacuation Buses to support evacuations.
- The SERT Human Services Branch, along with our county partners are developing a mass feeding plan and identifying shelter support teams including those for special needs sheltering and general population.
- We are reviewing for implementation, the Department of Agriculture's mortality management plan for animals and logistical requirements of NCEM to support the same.
- The SERT Infrastructure Branch is surveying evacuations routes to address fuel and construction sites that may impede evacuations. It is also providing situational awareness on Duke Energy, Electricities, and Electric Cooperatives plans for responding to power outages. We are also reviewing preparations for all our critical infrastructure and key resources by surveying local water treatment plants, sewer treatments plants, and communication providers to assess their storm preparedness. NCDOT, Ferry Division is monitoring the conditions in the event of evacuations. Preparations are underway to identify needed fuel, equipment, supplies, and personnel for emergency operations and possible evacuations.
- The SERT Logistics Section is bringing in additional purchasing agents and checking its contracts for buses to support evacuations.
- The Regional Coordination Center-East is developing a Branch Tactical Plan for resources assigned by the SEOC and is preparing to execute the Coastal Regional

Evacuation Plan and Sheltering (CRES) and the State Coordinated Regional Sheltering program (SCRS).

- The Regional Coordination Center-Central is developing a Branch Tactical Plan for resources assigned by the SEOC and developing plans for state supported Host Shelters per the CRES and SCRS.
- The SERT Risk Management Branch is preparing predictive modeling based on maximum of maximum SLOSH and 100-year flood event along most of our coastline to assist with evacuation decisions and timing thereof.
- We anticipate the deployment of CAMETS (Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailers) to host shelter operations and Mass Care Support Trailers to assist with sheltering operations.

The following information is furnished on the efforts and resources of other Federal agencies, which have been or will be used in responding to the incident.

- In anticipation of possible shortfalls in the State's resources, FEMA has established an Incident Support Base at Ft. Bragg on September 1, 2019 to provide bottled water, meals, and generators.
- A FEMA Liaison officer was deployed on September 1, 2019.
- One (1) pre-designated FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer.
- One (1) FEMA Region IV Incident Management Assistance Team will be deployed on September 3, 2019.

I have designated Michael A. Sprayberry as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with FEMA personnel to conduct damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

I appreciate your support and recognition of the threat that this storm poses to the state of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Roy Cooper

RAC:wmp

Enclosures:
Executive Order #101
FEMA Form 010-0-13