





North Carolina Emergency Management

North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency

2019 Year In Review

Search for Casey Hathaway



January 23-25

A three-year old Craven County boy beat all the odds and was found alive and well after three days alone in wet conditions and freezing temperatures.

NCEM Eastern Branch staff helped organize and manage the search. Hendrix Valenzuela was part of the two-man team that found Casey in the woods.









Catawba Flood Exercise

Rescue agencies from across the country and around the world were included in this multi-day search exercise, enabling all participants to learn from each other.

March 30- April 4













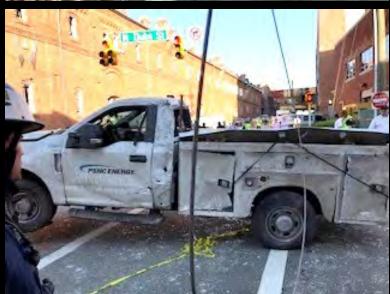
Durham Gas Explosion

April 10 - Urban Search and Rescue Team members and Structural Engineers responded at the request of Durham County













Energy Emergency Working Group





Gathers partners from the energy sector to collaborate, review incidents, learn and share best practices. Topics this year included OBX power outage, Greensboro tank farm fire, 811, electromagnetic pulse events and more.

- Feb 1 and Aug 15

NCEMA Spring and Fall Conferences

State and local emergency management experts came together at the annual conferences to discuss response and recovery efforts. ~ March/October











UNC Charlotte Shooting

April 30





NOAA Hurricane Awareness Tour – Charlotte

May 9













Statewide Hurricane Exercise







The statewide exercise tested the SERT's ability to respond to and recover from 'Hurricane Flash.' The two-day full-scale exercise provided an opportunity for more than 280 people from 81 partner agencies to coordinate and collaborate on local and state disaster response plans.



~ May 22-23







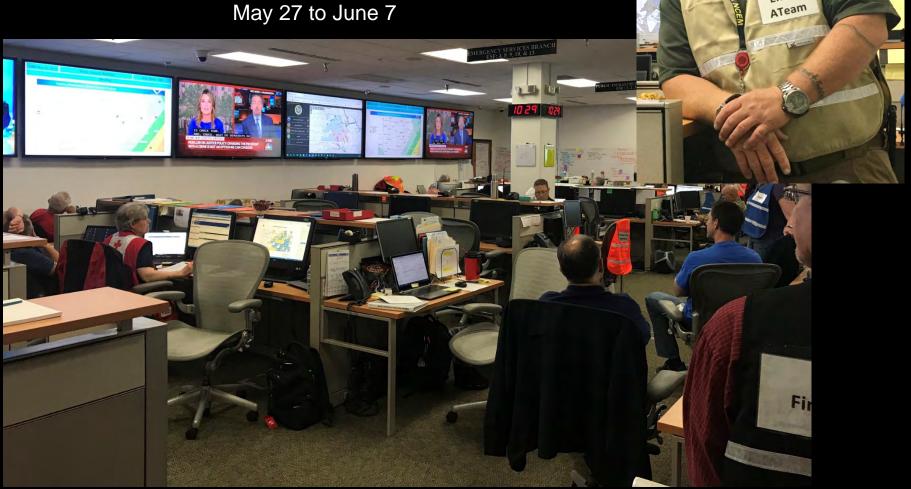


Kansas Floods

IMT and A-Team members assist Kansas with response to spring floods

EMAC

Greg Weavil served on EMAC A-Team at Kansas State EOC May 27 to June 7







Brian Parnell and Eric Wiseman served in Jefferson County and Riley County, Kansas











Mobile Hospital

North Carolina's mobile operating suite returned from a long-term deployment in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands following Hurricane Maria.



SERT Aviation Symposium







State, federal and private partners who operate aircraft during disasters met at State EOC to coordinate, plan, network and explore partnership opportunities.

- May 17





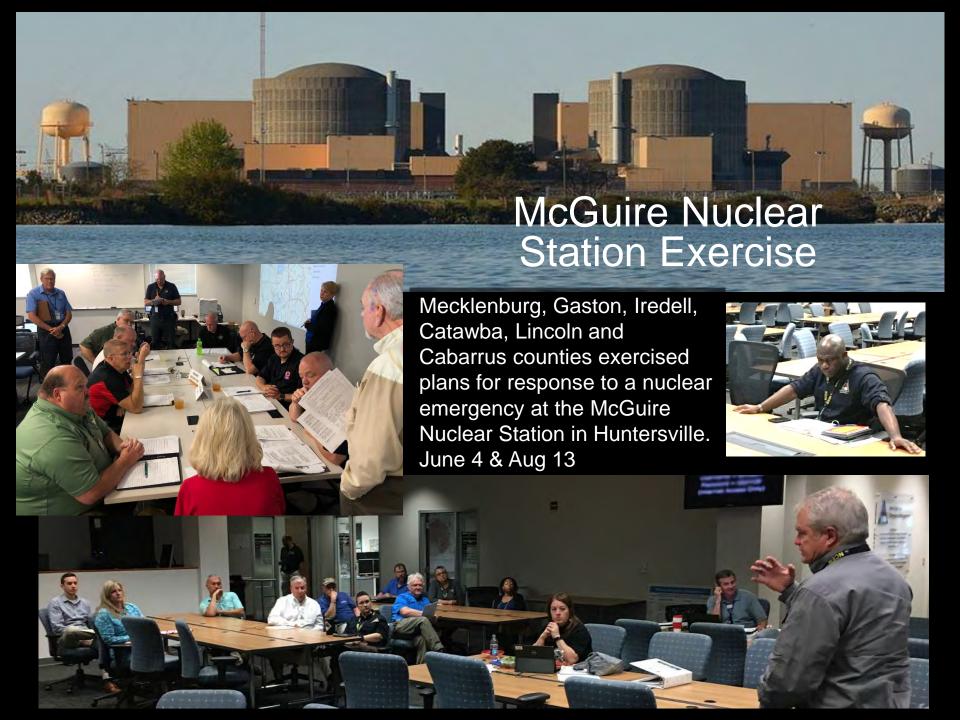


Catawba River Flooding

Flooding along the Catawba River in Catawba and Mecklenburg counties inundated neighborhoods and resulted in an SBA Disaster Declaration and a State IA declaration.

- June 8-12







Harris Nuclear Plant Exercise

NCEM, Duke Energy, Wake,

Chatham, Lee and Harnett counties tested their coordinated response to a radiological incident at the Harris Nuclear Plant. The federally-required exercise involves testing various aspects of response over a multiweek period. ~ March 14 & April 30











NCEM-ECU Hurricane Conference



More than 200 local emergency managers, nonprofit representatives, military, meteorologists and educators met to review and discuss hurricane predictions, preparations and response. ~ May 29









DOD Summit



NCEM hosted the 12th annual meeting of officials from Department of Defense agencies and North Carolina's military installations, to discuss and review disaster response plans.

~ June 12









Disaster Recovery Contracting Summit

East Carolina University and the Small Business Technology Development Center partnered to teach North Carolina companies how to compete for contracts for disaster recovery work with agencies like FEMA, NCEM and NCDOT. – August 7







Hurricane Dorian



Emerald Isle



Brunswick County



Hatteras





Ocracoke



Hurricane Dorian

RCC East - Kinston











Hurricane Dorian

RCC Central Butner







Hurricane Dorian – State Coordinated

Regional Shelter in Durham







Hurricane Dorian Search teams deploy to Ocracoke Island







Hurricane Dorian - Ocracoke Island







Ocracoke Medical Clinic













JMOC becomes Ocracoke Recovery Center







Special Congressional Elections

District 3 and District 9



Sept. 10 – Just a few days after Hurricane Dorian struck, special elections were held in two of North Carolina's congressional districts. Cyber security teams monitored to ensure everything went smoothly. Emergency managers on Ocracoke worked to set up a temporary polling place so island residents could vote.



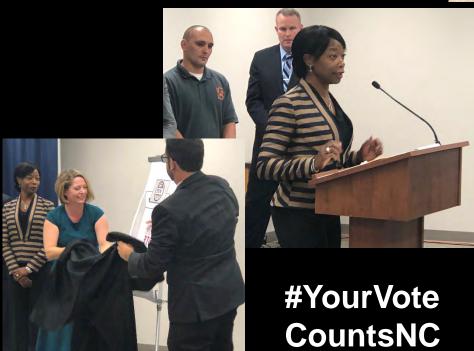




Safe Elections

In order to explain the state's efforts to ensure safe and secure elections, the State Board of Elections along with cybersecurity partners DIT, NCNG, NCEM and federal agencies held a voter confidence news conference – October 17







Municipal Elections

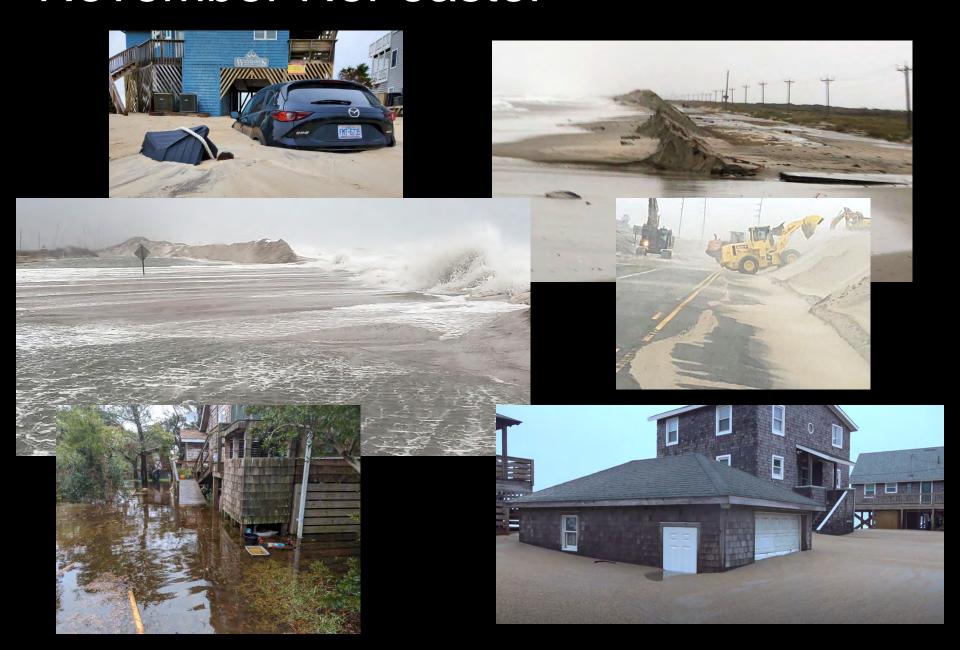
November 5







November Nor'easter Nov. 15-17



Providing Essential Training

NCEM sponsored more than 500 classes this year training more than 10,000 personnel on topics such as: CERT, search and rescue, disaster response and recovery; sheltering; hazardous materials; active assailant; public information and radiological emergency preparedness.

	Classes	Students
Incident Management and Command	222	3,577
Floodplain	10	191
Search & Rescue	69	1,240
Hazardous Materials	3	26
Public Information/Communication	14	299
Active Assailant	4	67
Radiological Emergency Preparedness	5	164
Community Emergency Response Team	63	917
Other Federal Training	35	687
Other State Training	115	3,036
TOTAL	540	10,204

AHIMT Academy at Lake Junaluska





Nearly 100 emergency responders from across the state trained at the hosted the 4th annual All-Hazards **Incident Management Team Academy** held at Lake Junaluska. NCEM All Hazards Incident Management Teams (AHIMTs) are designed to support local emergency management agencies when an incident becomes too large or complex. Each team is composed of about 20 members who are specifically qualified for their assignment. - Feb. 11-14





Branch Training Weeks

April 22-16 at Craven Community College June 25-29 at Guilford Tech Community College







FEMA EM Basic Academy

Graduated January 10



















Search & Rescue Training

Hundreds of responders trained with NCEM on various types of SAR operations including:

- Wilderness search classes
- Structural collapse training
- Catawba Flood Exercise
- DuPont Rescue Experience
- Randolph and Moore SAR exercises
- Multi-platform HART training
- Swift water boat operators course
- Land search field team training















Water Rescue Equipment

Thanks to more than \$2 million in search and rescue funding from the legislature, NCEM was able to purchase more than 40 boats, along with motors and equipment to support swift water rescue teams













NCHART

NC HART combines aviation assets from NCNG & SHP using 3 platforms (NCNG's Blackhawk & Lakota and the Highway Patrol's Bell 407s). Each platform trains monthly with qualified rescue technicians from local fire and rescue agencies.





In 2019, NCHART crews...

- Flew five in-state rescues Avery (2), Polk (2), Burke
- Numerous training events
- Multi-platform exercise, cross-training technicians



New SHP Helicopters

Two new Bell 407 helicopters added to the State Highway Patrol fleet brought new capabilities to NCHART program.









Civil Air Patrol

The NC Wing adds FLIR camera capability on two aircraft















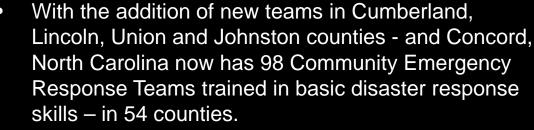
HazMat Response & Training

NC Regional Response Teams provide support to locals during chemical releases, criminal acts and transportation incidents. In 2019, they:

- Responded to a record 45 state hazmat missions (breaking last year's record of 35)
- Handled hundreds of local missions
- Conducted training missions



CERT Training and Response



1,004 individuals completed CERT training in 2019

Partnership with HBCUs led to basic training at Shaw, ECSU, St. Aug's, Fayetteville State and NC Central.



Hatteras Island CERT worked more than 4,000 hours for Dorian response – even on Ocracoke.





CERT trains teams in Moldova

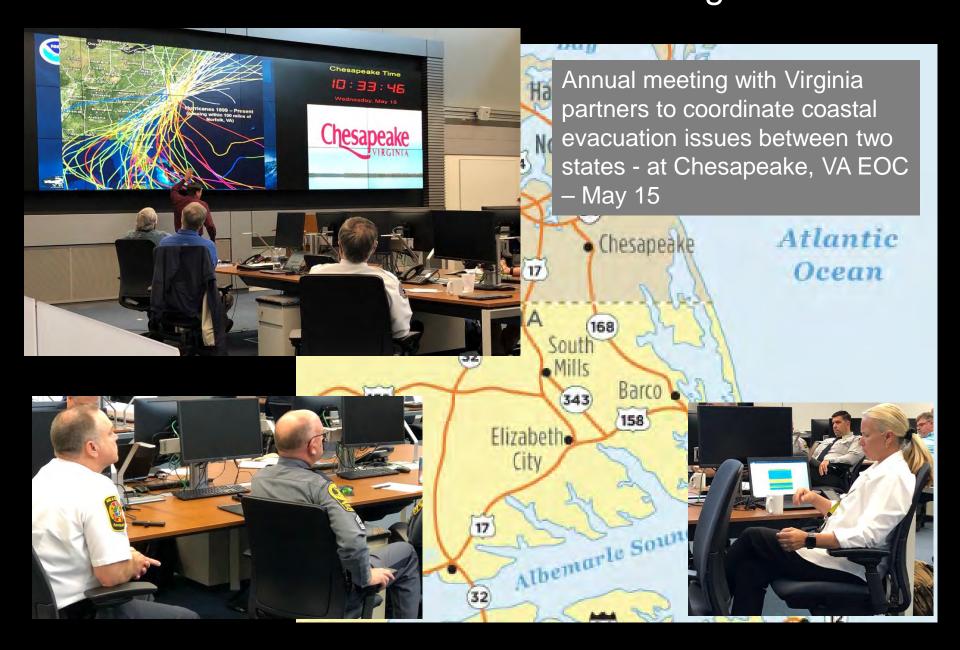


CERT Coordinator Samantha Royster traveled to Moldova in May to train Moldovans on how to start their own CERT program.

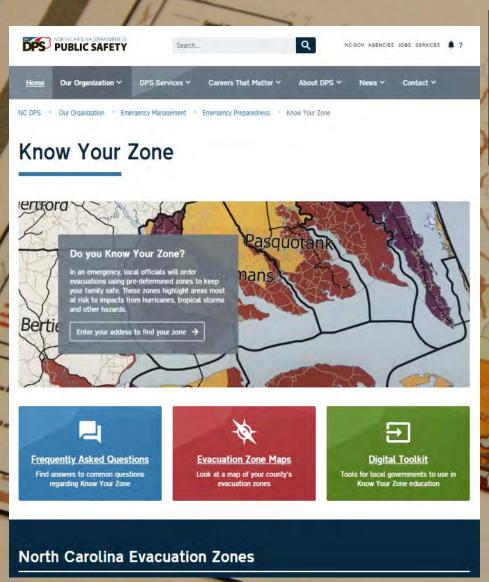




NC / VA Evacuation Coordination Meeting



Know Your Zone Initiative



Three counties: Camden, Craven and Pasquotank piloted the system of coastal area evacuation zones during Hurricane Season 2019. Next year, all coastal counties will participate.



Great Southeast Shakeout Earthquake Drill

October 17















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October 17











Ebola Full Scale Exercise

November 6-7



NCEM participated with NCDHHS and hospitals across the state to exercise procedures for Ebola response, patient treatment and transport.



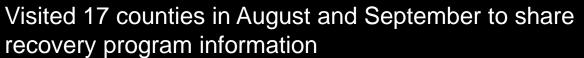




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Disaster Recovery Information Sessions





Helping Families Recover

- ✓ We begin 2020 in the middle of the largest ongoing recovery operation in our state's history
- ✓ Four storms Matthew, Florence, Michael and Dorian
- √ 77 of 100 counties have received disaster declarations since
 Hurricane Matthew in 2016
- ✓ More than \$3.2 billion in state and federal aid delivered for Matthew and Florence









Hurricane Florence Housing Assistance

Hurricane Florence highlighted the shortage of affordable housing in many eastern North Carolina communities. State and local officials continue working to provide long-term solutions for disaster-resilient housing. Meanwhile, a variety of programs helped families find safe shelter.



- 656 Travel Trailers or Manufactured Home Units installed to temporarily house families while they repair their homes.
- 261 households remain living these temporary housing units
- 395 families have successfully moved on to more permanent housing





NC STEP

North Carolina Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power

Provided basic repairs to make homes safe, sanitary and habitable, so residents could shelter-at-home while continuing further repairs.

- Six-month program
- Began in November 2018
- Ended in April 2019
- Operated in 12 approved counties
- More than 2,300 homes completed
- 13 contractors
- Two VOADs
- In October, FEMA announced termination of the STEP pilot program nationally











- NCORR has committed more than \$156.9 million in CDBG-DR funds to help rebuild impacted communities, an increase of 972% from this time last year.
- NCORR has issued 1,261 homeowner award letters to storm survivors. This is a 719% increase in the past year.



- One year ago, 19 storm survivors' homes were under construction.
 Today, the number of storm survivors' homes with construction initiated or construction completed has increased to 541.
- Over \$7.9 million in grants and \$22.2 million in loans to 21 communities through a state-funded Grant and Loan Program.





- Now preparing to launch new Hurricane Matthew programs, including a homeowner buyout program to get people out of harm's way and a small rental program to increase affordable housing in impacted communities.
- NCORR is now well positioned to quickly establish new programs when HUD publishes the Hurricane Florence Federal Register notice giving North Carolina access to an additional \$542 million in funding.
- Funds awarded to storm survivors by NCORR represent a large percentage of the \$3.2 billion that has been spent helping North Carolinians recovery from Hurricanes Matthew, Florence and Dorian.

Flood Gauges



NCEM was able to expand the state's network of flood gauges this year in three ways:

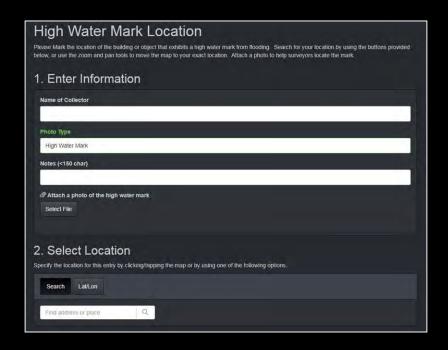
- 54 new gauges installed and included in FIMAN
- In partnership with NC A&T Geomatics program and UNC North Carolina Policy Collaboratory established a low-cost gauge test site at NC A&T
- Created the Adopt a Gauge (AaG) program





Comparing LiDAR based flood mapping to surveyed edge of water

High Water Mark (HWM) Photo Application







Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network

Solar powered CORS with weather sensor at Rodanthe

Supports Public Safety Applications

- Floodplain mapping
- FIMAN
- SERA
- 911
- Statewide aerial imagery project
- Statewide LiDAR elevation project
- High water mark data collection

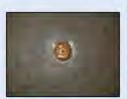


Preparing NC for the 2022 Datum Change

Gravity Data Collection

- New gravity marks established (relative and absolute)
 - One hundred and twenty (120) in western North Carolina (relative)
 - Partnering with NGS to establish eleven (11) new absolute gravity stations in western North Carolina (NC)
 - Observations completed in western NC on 11/14/19













National Geodetic Survey GPS on Bench Marks 2019/2020



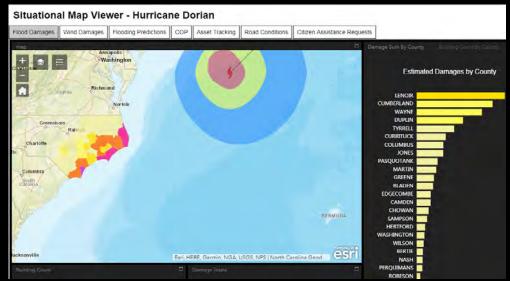






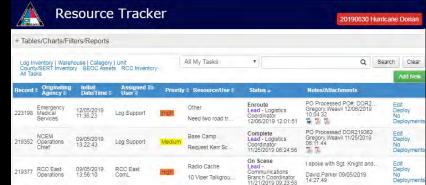
NC SPARTA (WebEOC) New Features

- Created 1,006 new WebEOC accounts
- Created 4 new boards and modified 23 existing boards
- Continued Logistics development to capture costs, bill of lading, notifications
- Partnered with 211 to capture and track citizen requests
- Updated the power outage feed to consume all information electronically
- Developed a Situational Map Viewer
- Re-initiated the WebEOC User Group (statewide and NCEM internal)
- Received an award from Juvare for Hurricane Florence response











School Risk and Response Management Progress

Progress to date includes:

- Several Awards and articles for the SERA system
- Contacted ~ 75 County EMs
- Working with Law enforcement and First responders
 - o~ 40 counties completed
- o 55 of 58 Community Colleges now in Production
- Contacted all Community Colleges, working to provided Access to Higher Education Risk Management Plan
 - ~ 25 Community Colleges Provided Access





STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPLICATION

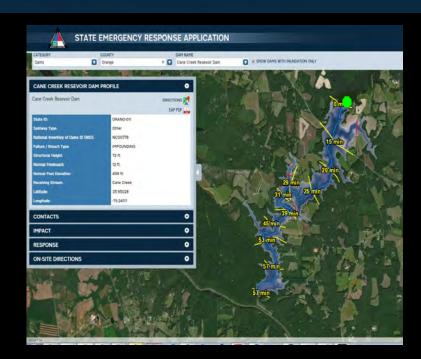
Dams

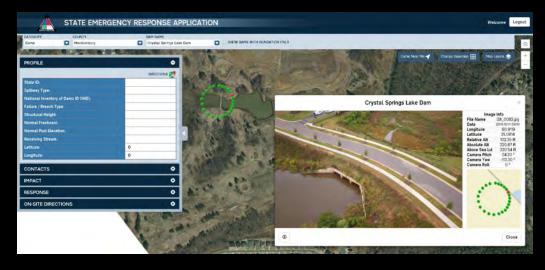
- 705 dams now in production
- Shows impacts including:
 - Roads closed
 - Time water will reach certain lengths
- All data provided to NCDEQ Dam Safety Section

Prisons

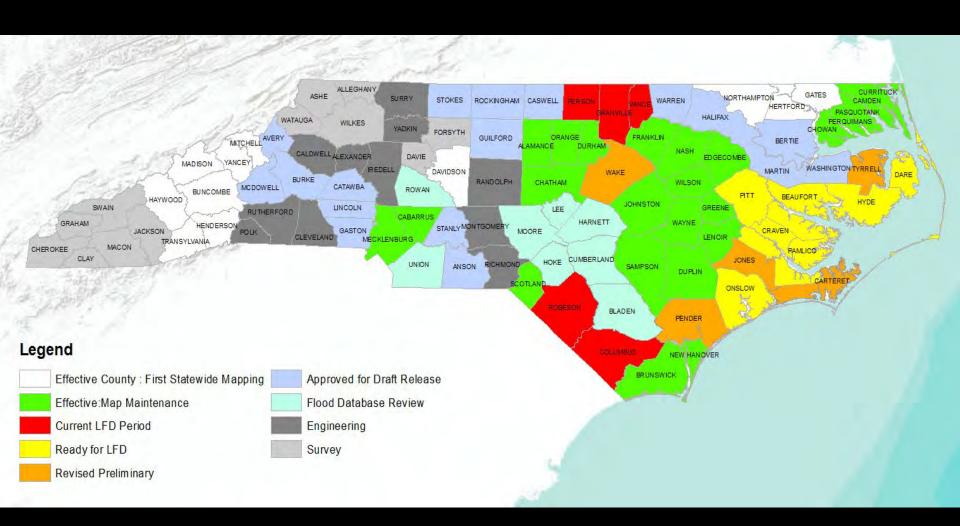
- All Prisons in production
- All prison wardens provided access
- All Juvenile Justice facilities in production

Working on upgrades and maintenance.





Flood Mapping – Status of map updates



SERC Meetings

The State Emergency Response
Commission met four times this year to
review, assess, plan and implement
projects and procedures to protect North
Carolina residents and the environment
through effective emergency planning.
Topics included: Cyber security, school
security, hurricane recovery and more.















Partnering with the Private Sector



In its fifth year, NCEM's private sector program/ BEOC has more than 660 businesses engaged with the state before and after disasters — in banking, energy, health care/ pharmacy, retail, grocery, restaurants, lodging, utilities, communications and more. The North Carolina BEOC continues to lead the nation in operational private partnerships, cross sector coordination and the incorporation of the private sector into State EOC Operations.





Design Professionals (engineers and architects) to 225

Expanded capabilities with:

OnStar Uber

Google Facebook





Preparing Communities

NC 2-1-1 can help you find assistance in a disaster.

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162





In partnership with the National Weather Service, NCEM led four campaigns to prepare North Carolinians for various types of severe weather including

tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and ice. Materials

were sent to county

emergency management

agencies, issued by Governor's office and pushed across social media platforms.









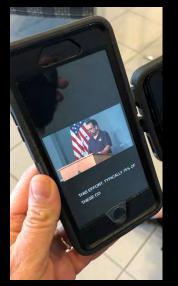




- Hurricane
- Winter Weather
- Great Shakeout
- Preparedness Month
- Know Your Zone



Interpreting News Conferences into Spanish









Community Outreach

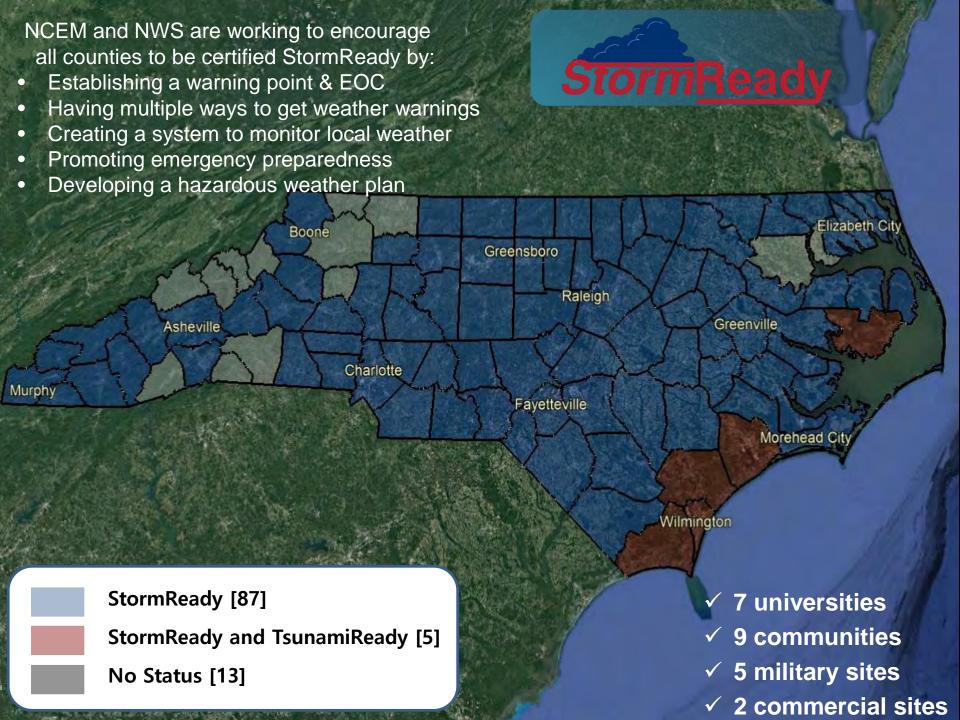




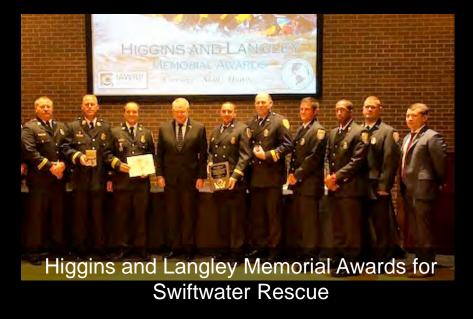
Hurricane Awareness Tour - Charlotte



School visits



Awards & Recognitions







Alliance of Information and Referral Standards



Awards & Recognitions



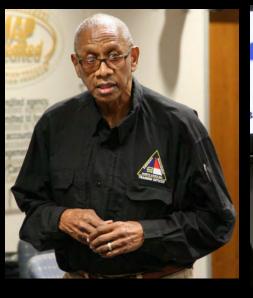
Brenda Morris
NCDPS Badge of Excellence



Gary Thompson

National Council of Examiners for
Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
Distinguished Service Award

Retirements and Departures













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Happy Holidays!







