

# **TROOP B**

## **COASTAL EVACUATION PLAN**

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The following counties have been identified in Troop B as participants in the Regional Evacuation Plan. These counties are either coastal counties or play a vital role along Interstate 40.

- Brunswick
- New Hanover
- Onslow
- Pender
- Duplin
- Sampson

For each of the above counties, the following has been identified:

- Emergency Management Director information, along with EOC
- Local Police Departments contact information and number of personnel
- County Sheriff's Departments contact information and number of personnel
- Local Hospitals for each county and contact information
- Local Emergency Weather Shelters for each county
- All NCDOT Facilities in each county complete with contact information
- Critical Roadways and Intersections along evacuation routes
- The number of personnel needed at each location (traffic post)
- The number of supervisory personnel needed in each county
- A description of each intersection and the responsibility of each member directing traffic
- Assistance needed from NCDOT, barricades, traffic cones, signs, message boards
- Demographics for each county; normal vs. seasonal
- Specific county concerns and challenges
- Alternate Fuel Resources and Locations
- Housing of Patrol Personnel

For Military Contact Information, See District 3, Onslow County Local Police.

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<b>“At A Glance” – Troop B Coastal Evacuation Personnel Needs</b>			
<b>County</b>	<b>Post Identified</b>	<b>Total Troopers / Local Law Enforcement Officers Needed</b>	<b>Supervisors Needed</b>
Brunswick	12	32	3
New Hanover	10	25	3
Pender	6	19	3
Onslow – Carteret (Troop A)	7	21	2
Duplin	8	21	3
Sampson	12	30	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>17</b>

### **Decision Process Guidelines For The Troop B Coastal Evacuation**

- The decision for evacuation will be the responsibility of each individual county.
- District First Sergeants will maintain constant communication with the local Emergency Management Director and participate in the decision to evacuate when requested.
- As a general rule, with the threat of a Category III Hurricane or greater, the District First Sergeants should begin the decision process in planning for evacuation of affected counties, i.e., manpower, lodging, meals.

### **Actions – Pre-Evacuation Process**

- The Troop B Commander (or designee) will participate in each Eastern Regional Conference call at 6:00 a.m. and every six (6) hours thereafter until the threat has passed or the evacuation plan implemented.
- District First Sergeants will participate in local briefings held by the County EM Director and report evacuation concerns to the Troop B Commander (or designee).
- District First Sergeants will communicate with the Sheriff and local police agencies to coordinate any assistance they may provide during the evacuation.
- Topics to cover locally are; forecast onset of tropical storm winds and/or hurricane force winds, volume of traffic expected to evacuate, time evacuation may begin, resources needed (local & state), and any actions needed by Troop B during the next six (6) hour period.

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- Troop B Commander will communicate with the State EOC (Patrol Member) and/or Field Operations Major after each conference call to discuss the potential of evacuation and the deployment of personnel.
- Upon reaching a consensus for a county to evacuate, the District First Sergeant shall immediately pass that information to the Troop Commander, and the Troop Commander to the EOC and Field Operations Major.
- The District First Sergeant shall immediately notify the local NCDOT officials for assistance.
- When approved for evacuation, Patrol personnel will disseminate the decision and its execution time to local respective organizations providing assistance.

### **Actions During Evacuation**

- At the beginning of the evacuation, conference calls will be conducted every four (4) hours with the District First Sergeant to determine the following: evacuation status, problems encountered, other actions needed, potential ending time.
- SHP will man each post identified in priority order at the beginning of the evacuation and remain on post until relieved by the District First Sergeant.
- Interchanges of I-40 will be manned in priority order based upon the county which initiates the evacuation (minimal manpower initially) and remain manned until the evacuation is terminated or relieved by the District First Sergeant.
- The entrance/exit of the I-40 Rest Area in Duplin County will be manned in addition to the interchanges and will be the last post to clear following termination of the evacuation.
- The I-40 Rest Area in Duplin County will be utilized as the staging area for personnel and/or resources if needed.
- Wrecker Services on SHP Rotation will be utilized for quick clearance. Troopers familiar with the area may make a Trooper's request for the nearest wrecker.
- The local county EOC shall be manned with a District Supervisor and will be utilized as the Command Post for each county's evacuation.

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### **Action – Termination**

- SHP will recommend termination of traffic post assignments when the traffic levels or other hazardous circumstances warrant (at the discretion of Troop Commander with consultation with Fields Operations Major).

### **Supplementary Guidance**

- The decision to evacuate is a county responsibility.
- The 800 VIPER communication systems should provide effective and continuous communications between agencies and the Patrol which is critical for a safe and successful execution of the evacuation plan.
- Evacuation Operations should be conducted during daylight hours when at all possible.
- NCDOT should stage equipment in its local/division yards 24 hours prior to the implementation of the evacuation plan.
- SHP personnel and resources will be drawn from outside the local county, however; fire, rescue and ambulance resources will be drawn from the local county agencies within the threat area. Local EM coordinators have identified those resources and will make assignments and coordinate their mobilization.
- District First Sergeants in the affected areas should attend any local control group meetings prior to hurricane season each year to update contact information and make any necessary modifications to the plan or decision process.

### **Troop B Coastal Evacuation Responsibilities**

- NCDOT will be responsible for providing all barricades and signs related to the evacuation. This will include placing them in position prior to the beginning of the evacuation and removing them at the conclusion.
- NCSHP will be responsible for ensuring that the evacuation lanes are clear of all traffic and all abandoned vehicles have been removed from the west bound lanes of I-40 at the beginning of the evacuation from Wilmington to the Johnston County Line.
- NCSHP (local district members) will be responsible for investigating all collisions and the assistance of disabled motorists that occur between Gordon Road in Wilmington and the interchange of I-40 at I-95.
- NCSHP will be responsible for recommending termination of the evacuation when traffic volume and/or other circumstances warrant.

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- Wilmington Police Department – The WPD will be responsible for manning traffic post necessary to expedite traffic flow within the City of Wilmington up to the I-40 interchange.

### **Communications Procedures: Troop B Coastal Evacuation Plan**

- The Troop B Evacuation plan calls for all Troopers assigned to the event to utilize 800MHz radios to communicate with each other, the Command Post and local police agencies as much as possible.
- To conduct this operation, the plan is to utilize the Patrol's existing radio communications, inclusive of both low band and 800MHz radios. The 800MHz (VIPER) radio system is now operational in each of the affected counties of the evacuation plan. The Patrol will utilize each county EOC as a command post with the supervisor on duty having access to an 800MHz radio.
- All members assigned to this event should be issued 800MHz radios programmed with Troop B Common 2 Channels. Twenty-five (25) spare 800MHz radios will be available for issue to members for the duration of this assignment. Field Operations will be responsible for contacting TSU in Raleigh to ensure the necessary number of 800MHz radios are available to forward to the staging area for the assignment.
- All communications will be conducted between the local command post and the Troopers on Troop B, Common 1 on 800MHz; with Troop B Common 2 being utilized as a backup. Channel 19 low band, frequency 42.200 MHz will be a secondary backup.
- The channels normally worked by local cars assigned to the districts in the Coastal Region area are as follows:

County Assigned	Communications Center	Low Band Channel	Frequency (MHz)
Brunswick	Elizabethtown	13	42.580
New Hanover	Elizabethtown	13	42.580
Duplin	Elizabethtown	13	42.580
Pender	Elizabethtown	13	42.580
Sampson	Elizabethtown	15	42.580
Onslow	Elizabethtown	5	42.660

### **Command and Control**

- An NCSHP Supervisor will serve as the Officer in Charge from the local EOC Center during the entire evacuation process.

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- Troop B Executive Officers will be assigned to affected counties and will command this operation from either a local District Office or a local county EOC Center.
- Troop B Executive Officers will be responsible for briefing the Supervisors and all personnel who will be assisting with traffic control in their assigned area of responsibility. A backup briefing location will be the I-40 Rest area in Duplin County.
- Troop B Post Assignments will encompass all Intersecting Roadways which allow access to I-40 and other US and NC Roadways leading from the coastal region toward I-95.
- Troop B Executive Officers will meet with Supervisors of incoming personnel for briefing concerning post assignments, relief of personnel, fuel and lodging.

Evacuation Population Figures	
Bald Head Island (Brunswick County)	Residents (210)
	Tourists (6,800)

### **Ferry System**

There are four (4) passenger ferries that can carry 149 passengers at a time, and under normal operating conditions, they run every half hour. The ferries are owned and operated by Bald Head Limited Corporation.

Bald Head Island has an emergency evacuation plan in place and a representative at the Brunswick County EOC during emergencies.