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Clinton Police Department Press Release

On Oct 3rd, 2016, Governor Pat McCrory declared a State of Emergency for 66 counties of eastern and central North Carolina in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew.

Hurricanes are strong storms that can be life-threatening as well as causing serious property-threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane. Clinton Police Department sincerely advises every citizen to get well prepared for Hurricane Matthew. Here are some tips to get prepared.

- Make a plan and stay informed. Make sure you have a way to receive weather alerts.
- Build an emergency supply kit. Replace or restock as needed.
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up windows and doors with plywood.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting. Keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Be sure to keep in touch with your family, friends and neighbors to let them know you're safe.
- Find out about community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs and make plans for your pets to be care for.
- Obey evacuation orders. Do not drive on flooded roads or washed out bridges.

Don't hesitate to dial 911 when encountering any emergency.