

## Pender County Emergency Management



## **Press Release**

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## **Voluntary Evacuation effective Wednesday morning in Pender County**

PENDER COUNTY – Chairman George Brown of the Pender County Board of Commissioners announced a voluntary evacuation is in effect, starting Sept. 12, 8 a.m. for low-lying, flood prone areas of the county, including the along the Intracoastal Waterway, the Northeast Cape Fear River, the Black River, and who live in manufactured or substandard housing.

"This is a serious storm the likes of which we haven't seen in this region for more than several decades," said Tom Collins, Pender County Emergency Manager. "This is a storm to not take lightly."

"Three shelters will open Wednesday morning to accommodate any resident in a low-lying, flood prone area or who lives in a manufactured or mobile home," said George Brown, chairman of the Pender County Board of Commissioners. "The pet-friendly shelter in Burgaw Middle School will open at 4 p.m."

The Pender County shelters are located at Topsail Elementary, Cape Fear Middle School, Malpass Corners Elementary, and Burgaw Middle School.

Pender County Emergency Management will post updates on the Facebook page at facebook.com/penderem and on the website <a href="http://www.penderem.com">http://www.penderem.com</a>. If you need assistance call the EM office at 910- 259-1210.

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