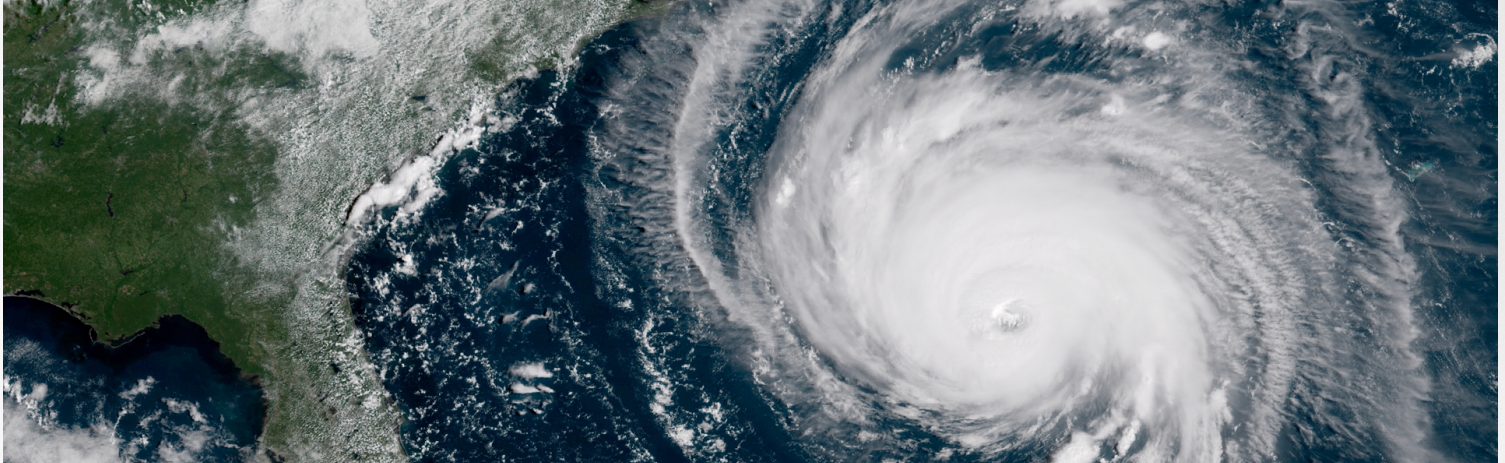


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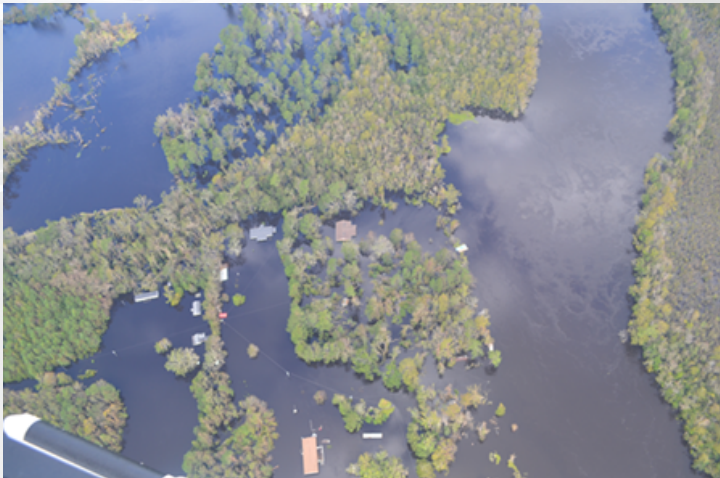
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Hurricane Fran damage in Surf City



Flooding from Hurricane Florence in Pender County



Notable September Hurricanes:

- Hurricane Diana- September 13, 1984
 - Cat 2 made landfall in the Cape Fear
 - Main impact- flooding
- Hurricane Fran- September 5, 1996
 - Cat 3 made landfall in the Cape Fear
 - Main impact- storm surge & wind
 - Highest wind gust- 137mph @ Wrightsville
- Hurricane Floyd- September 16, 1999
 - Cat 2 made landfall in the Cape Fear
 - Main impact- flooding
 - 24.6 inches of rain in Southport, NC
- Hurricane Florence- September 14, 2018
 - Cat 1 made landfall in Wrightsville Beach
 - Main impact- flooding
 - 35.9 inches of rain in Elizabethtown

Peak Hurricane Season

Late August through September is considered peak hurricane season in the Atlantic. Many of Pender County's most notable storms have occurred in the month of September. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to stock your disaster supply kit and review your home disaster plan!

Shelter Training

The Red Cross provided shelter training for county staff from EM, Health, and DSS. Staff learned techniques to manage shelters and practiced setting up.

Juniper Road 2 Fire

On August 10th, EM and NC Forestry investigated a possible fire in the Holly Shelter Gamelands. The fire was found to be off Juniper Road, the site of a large fire in 2011. The fire grew to just over 1200 acres, requiring the activation of a state Type II Incident Management Team and numerous resources. The Type II team demobilized 8/19 and the fire was turned back over to District 8 Forestry personnel.

CERT Train the Trainer

Three of our EM staff completed the CERT Train the trainer course in order to be able to teach CERT Basic to our residents.



Hurricane Preparedness

Emergency Management staff and county staff have reviewed their responsibilities for hurricane season and taken appropriate actions to ensure the county is ready for tropical weather. This includes performing maintenance on equipment, updating contact information, and reviewing emergency plans.

CERT Basic

Pender County's first CERT Basic course taught by our EM staff will be held November 4-6 at the county EOC. Another course is planned for early Spring 2023 in Hampstead.

School Inspections

Our Fire Marshal staff will be out conducting fire inspections on all schools in the county over the next few weeks. Schools are inspected at least twice per year to ensure student and staff safety.



August by the numbers

Fire Inspections: 57
Plan Reviews: 7
Building Permits: 13
Fire Investigations/ Call-outs: 13
Juniper Road 2 Fire: 13 days/ 102 hrs

DID YOU KNOW?

IT IS ESTIMATED 1/3 OF PET OWNERS DO NOT HAVE A PLAN FOR THEIR PETS IN CASE OF DISASTER.