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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Orangeburg, SC
October 7, Friday, 12:00pm

Hurricane Matthew is a very dangerous storm! The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning for Orangeburg County and this is based on the current forecast of Hurricane Matthew and the potential for the storm to track closer to Orangeburg County. People who are in mobile homes or other at-risk housing in Orangeburg County are asked to move to a stick built structure or into an established shelter which are open throughout the County. We are expecting 40-50 mph sustained winds with wind speeds increasing to 70 mph lasting for approximately 12-24 hours. Weather conditions will worsen drastically during the night on Friday. This leads to the potential for sporadic power outages and downed trees. Please remember to always stay away from downed power lines and call the Emergency Operations Center to report this @ (803)533-6265. **Persons are encouraged to be in the shelters prior to nightfall on Friday.**

The shelters that are open in Orangeburg County are as follows:

<u>Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School</u> at 601 Bruin Parkway, Orangeburg, SC 29115	(OPEN)
<u>The Technology Center</u> at 3720 Magnolia Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115	(Will open at 3:00 pm)
<u>Edisto High School</u> at 500 R.M. Foster Road, Cordova, SC 29039	(Will open at 3:00 pm)
<u>Hunter-Kinard Tyler High School</u> at 7066 Norway Road, Neeses, SC 29113	(OPEN)
<u>Elloree Elementary School</u> at 200 Warrior Drive, Elloree, SC 29047	(OPEN)
<u>Lake Marion High School</u> at 3656 Tee Vee Road, Santee, SC 29142	(Will open at 3:00 pm)
<u>Bowman Bethune High School</u> at 4857 Charleston Highway, Rowesville, SC 29133	(OPEN)

If you need transportation to a shelter, or special medical needs assistance, please call the Emergency Operations Center @ **(803)533-6265**.

These shelters are currently open and will remain open throughout the duration of the storm. Please bring your own pillows, blankets, snacks, specialty food items, medicines, and any baby items. The shelters are only stocked with basic supplies. Persons seeking shelter should do this prior to the onset of the storm conditions and prior to nightfall. Please tune into local media for the latest weather forecast.

If you do have property damage, please report damage to our local website www.orangeburgcounty.org under the alert window..

