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**HIGH POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO BE STORM READY**  
*Make a Plan and Stay Informed*

**HIGH POINT, N.C. (September 8, 2017)** – Each year, we witness the devastating impacts that hurricanes can cause. Hurricanes are not just a threat to coastal communities – high winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes and flooding can be felt hundreds of miles inland, potentially causing loss of life and catastrophic damage to property. As Hurricanes Sandy and Isaac remind us, it is not just major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher) that we should be concerned about, but all hurricanes have the ability to cause significant damages.

The High Point Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety of High Point and encourage residents to prepare as well:

- **Know Your Risk:** To search for general information about risks, visit <https://www.ready.gov> and search for N.C. Check out NOAA's historical hurricane tracks tool to check the severity and frequency of past hurricanes in your area.
- **Get your emergency kit ready:** Be sure your emergency supplies kit has enough bottled water and non-perishable food to sustain each family member for three to seven days. Include a weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries, toiletries, change of clothes, blankets or sleeping bag, rain gear and appropriate footwear. Also, include copies of important documents, such as birth certificates and insurance policies.
- **Plan for your pets:** Gather supplies for your pet and put them in an easily-accessible container.
- **Prepare your home:** Clean out gutters and clear property of debris that could damage buildings in strong winds. Supplies needed to secure your home, such as lumber and shutters, should be purchased now, and window casings pre-drilled.
- **Find out your flood risk:** Determine if you are in a flood plain or flood-prone area.
- **Learn evacuation routes for your area:** Listen to local officials and evacuate as instructed.
- **Keep up with weather advisories:** Stay tuned to local news for the latest advisories from the National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center (NHC), as well as state and local emergency management officials.

Residents can sign up for alerts through Guilford Emergency Alert Notification Information (G.E.A.N.I), available at <http://www.myguilford.com/es/emergency-management/> from the Guilford County Emergency Management Office so notifications, including evacuation orders, go directly to your phone and email. Monitor local news for hurricane watches and warnings in your area and follow directions of local officials.



Additional information is available at [www.highpointnc.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.highpointnc.gov/emergencymanagement). For more information, please contact Emergency Manager Michael Foster at 336.883.3543 or [michael.foster@highpointnc.gov](mailto:michael.foster@highpointnc.gov).

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