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An Urgent Public Safety Announcement from Wayne County Sheriff Larry M. Pierce and Wayne County Office of Emergency Services Director Mel Powers, Jr.

As Hurricane Florence continues to approach the coastal area of the Carolinas, we ask everyone to finalize their preparations now and be sheltered in place by Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Though the storm appears to be making a southwest turn, Wayne County residents need to remain vigilant and continue monitoring the storm.

Once, or if, the winds reach a sustained 50 mph designation by the National Weather Service in the county, all Wayne County Emergency Personnel will be pulled from the roads and sheltered until it is safe for them to resume. **AT THAT TIME, WAYNE COUNTY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU!!**

While it is our duty to protect the health and public safety of every citizen, that task includes our staff of first responders. If you choose not to shelter in place and become in need of emergency assistance, we will not be able to respond and your life may be in danger. Stay sheltered.

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