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## SITUATION REPORT #1

**Hurricane Charley**  
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At 5PM EDT, the center of Hurricane Charley was located near latitude 17.0 North and 77.5 Longitude West or about 85 miles southwest of Kingston Jamaica. Charley is moving toward the west-northwest near 17 mph and a gradual turn toward the northwest is expected over the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained are near 75 mph with higher gusts. Some strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours.

Based on the current forecast the earliest impact to our area from Hurricane Charley would be late Friday night into Saturday morning. Under the current forecast Tropical Storm force winds of 40 –50 mph could move through our area during that time period. Due to the rapid forward speed of Hurricane Charley widespread flooding is not anticipated.

Forecast amounts could vary depending on the track of the storm. Any east or west deviation from the current forecast track should diminish the wind and rain predicated for this area. CEMA will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates as information becomes available.

Operating Condition 4 is now in effect. OPGON 4 is the first stage of advanced alert readiness. This notification is being given as a precautionary measure. All interested parties should maintain vigilance in monitoring these storms. A thorough check of emergency supplies for in-place sheltering should commence. Emergency response agencies should review their hurricane plans and determine the availability of their assets, resources and personnel. Those agencies that have responsibility to share this release should begin doing so at this time.

No further action is required at this time. The next information release will be issued at 9:00 am on Thursday, August 12.