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SITUATION REPORT #6

HURRICANE CHARLEY
AUGUST 13, 2004 1:00 pm

At the 11 am advisory, Chatham County was placed under a Hurricane watch. The center of Hurricane Charley was located near latitude 25.2 north, longitude 82.8 west or about 145 miles south of Sarasoto, Florida. Charley is moving toward the north near 18 mph. A turn to the north-northeast is expected later today.

Maximum sustained winds are near 110 mph with higher gusts. Some strengthening is possible prior to landfall on the Florida coast this afternoon or evening. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 30 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 105 miles.

Tropical storm force winds of 45 – 55 mph with higher gusts and rainfall of 3” – 5” are expected with this storm. Tides could be 3’ – 5’ above predicted levels. Isolated tornadoes are possible after midnight and early Saturday morning.

CEMA will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates as information becomes available. Due to the Hurricane watch, CEMA is moving into Operating Condition 3 and will partially activate the Emergency Operations Center at 7:00 pm tonight.

CEMA recommends the following:

- Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- Complete preparation activities.
- Stay indoors, away from doors and windows.
- Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can happen during a tropical storm and after it passes over. Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground.

The next advisory will be at 6:00 pm today.