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SITUATION REPORT #2

HURRICANE IVAN

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At 11:00 AM, Hurricane Ivan is located at 19.0 N and 81.5 W or 900 miles SW of Chatham County. Maximum sustained winds are approximately 155 mph with hurricane force winds extending 90 miles from the center of circulation making this a strong Category 4 hurricane. Ivan is moving WNW at 9 MPH. A turn more to the Northwest is expected during the next 12 to 24 hours.

The latest forecast from the National Hurricane Center projects this storm to make landfall along the central panhandle of Florida. If the storm remains on this forecast track, it would enter southwest Georgia Wednesday evening as a Category 1 hurricane and continue north into western and central Georgia. On this track, Chatham County could expect periods of heavy rain and winds of 20 mph with higher gusts Wednesday night thru Thursday.

Please keep in mind that minor changes with each advisory could result in major changes in the forecast track and storm dynamics over time. Observers are cautioned not to concentrate on the center of the storm and the small line of projected travel but instead to focus on the overall size of the storm.

CEMA will remain at Operating Condition (OPCON) 4 or the Monitoring Phase as defined by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. OPCON 4 is the first stage in advanced readiness. All interested parties should maintain vigilance in monitoring this storm through local media. A thorough check of emergency supplies and evacuation plans should commence immediately. Emergency response agencies should review their hurricane plans and determine the availability of their assets, resources and personnel. Those agencies that have the responsibility to share information should be doing so at this time.

Some preparatory activities should include:

- Ensure that you have workable flashlights or portable lanterns and a battery-powered radio.
- Have a supply of spare batteries in the event of power disruption.
- Secure or store outdoor lawn furniture, barbeque grills, garbage cans, and other loose objects.
- Boat owners should prepare to remove their boats from the water or to secure them for severe weather conditions.
- Contain debris that could serve as potentially dangerous wind-blown missiles.
- Ensure that a three day supply of food and medicine is on hand.

The next Situation Report will be issued as the situation warrants.