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**Situation Report #3**  
**Hurricane Jeanne**  
September 23, 2004 12:00 pm

At 11:00 am the center of Hurricane Jeanne was located near latitude 25.6 north and longitude 69.7 west. Jeanne is about 465 miles east of the Bahamas. Hurricane Jeanne is moving west near 5mph. Maximum sustained winds are near 105 mph with higher gusts. A slow increase in strength is possible during the next 24 hours.

On the current forecast track from the National Hurricane Center, Jeanne could impact our area late Sunday night into Monday.

Please keep in mind that minor changes with each advisory could result in major changes in the forecast track and storm dynamics. 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 size of the storm.

All residents and visitors are advised to monitor the local media closely for storm updates during the weekend. It is also advisable to review your family hurricane plans.

**CEMA recommends the following activities:**

1. Precautions should be taken to secure your property this weekend. Ensure you have workable flashlights or portable lanterns and a battery powered radio. Have a supply of spare batteries in the event of power disruption. Plan to store or secure outside lawn furniture, barbecue grills, garbage cans, and other loose objects.
2. Boat owners should take action to remove their boats from water or secure them for heavy weather conditions .

CEMA has set 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

Further situation reports will be issued as conditions warrant.