



Situation Report #4
Hurricane Jeanne
September 24, 2004 9:00 AM

At 8:00 AM the center of Hurricane Jeanne was located near latitude 26.1 north and longitude 72 west. Jeanne is about 200 miles northeast of the Bahamas. Hurricane Jeanne is moving west near 8 mph. Jeanne is currently a Category 2 storm with maximum sustained winds near 100 mph with higher gusts. An increase in strength is possible during the next 24 hours.

On the current forecast track from the National Hurricane Center, Jeanne will impact southeast Florida late Saturday night and turn north moving along the coast. If the storm continues along the currently forecast track, Chatham County will receive tropical storm force winds (40+ mph) around midnight Sunday night. Three to five inches of rain are also expected along the track of the storm.

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. 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. Home and business owners should take appropriate measures to secure their property this weekend; where feasible, shutters, plywood or other window protection should be applied. Downspouts, gutters and drains should be clear of debris.
2. Ensure workable flashlights or portable lanterns and a battery powered radio are on hand and have a supply of spare batteries in the event of power disruption. Store or secure outside equipment, lawn furniture, barbecue grills, garbage cans, and other loose objects.
3. Boat owners should take action to remove their boats from water or secure them for heavy weather conditions .

CEMA remains in 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 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.