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SITUATION REPORT #6

Tropical Storm Jeanne

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The Chatham County Board of Education has made the decision to close all public schools on Monday, September 27th. Local County and Municipal governments will remain open to provide services to the public.

As of the latest advisory, Jeanne has been downgraded to a Tropical Storm and is currently located at latitude 28.3 north and longitude 82.2 west or about 250 miles SSW of Chatham County. Jeanne is moving NW near 10 mph. Maximum sustained winds are 70 mph and will continue to decrease overnight and into Monday.

Chatham County remains in a Tropical Storm Warning and will more than likely be placed in a Tornado Watch sometime this evening and last through Monday.

Residents and businesses should finalize tropical storm preparedness activities by securing loose items which have the potential to be blown around by winds.

Winds are expected to gradually increase to 20-30 mph overnight and Monday as the system moves west of our area. Isolated power outages are possible and residents should maintain an adequate supply of battery-operated flashlights.

Rainfall amounts of 3"–5" are possible through Monday evening.

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. It is also advisable to review your family hurricane plans and make any necessary changes.

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.

Further updates will be issued as conditions warrant.