

NEWS TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

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WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON ALERT PENDING WEEKEND STORM EVENT

Mayor John E. McCormac Urges Residents to Stay Tuned to News Broadcasts and Be Prepared To Take Emergency Actions

WOODBRIIDGE – Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that the Woodbridge Township Office of Emergency Management will be on alert status throughout the coming weekend monitoring potential storm activity surrounding tropical storm and/or hurricane Hanna which is expected to move up the East coast during the upcoming weekend.

According to Dennis Henry, Acting Director, Woodbridge Township Office of Emergency Management, the OEM and members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be on standby status should the state or county Offices of Emergency Management call for activation. Additionally, the Township OEM, in conjunction with the Board of Education and the Woodbridge Township School District, has readied Avenel Middle School as a temporary shelter should an evacuation be required. School district buses are available to transport residents to shelter locations if required. The Township OEM has notified area public utilities and private sector businesses and industry to implement standby plans as part of the Township Emergency Response Plan.

Mayor McCormac reminded Township residents that “planning and preparation” are the key components of an emergency evacuation. Township residents should prepare today in the event an emergency evacuation is required.

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management suggests the following tips for emergency preparedness... Secure three days' supply of canned, non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods; three days' supply of drinking water (three gallons per family member); obtain a battery-operated radio and extra batteries; a flashlight and batteries; one week's supply of prescription drugs; first aid kit; personal toiletries; can opener and utensils; and any special needs items.

For more information regarding emergency preparedness stay tuned to Woodbridge Township TV-35 or log on to the Township web page at www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us.