WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES THE COMMUNITY?

Carroll County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Management
WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

- Carroll County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Management Agency is responsible for assisting in the protection of lives and property of Carroll County citizens in the event of natural or manmade disasters.

- Emergency Management anticipates emergencies, takes steps to prevent loss of life and property and provides quick response when havoc strikes.
WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Carroll County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Management Agency
WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

Coordination

FEMA
GEMA-HS
Cities
Nonprofits
Red Cross, CEMC

Schools
Federal & State Agencies
Volunteers
Individuals and Businesses

Law Enforcement

DNR, EPD, Army COE
4 STAGES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Preparedness
   - Emergency Management works with local agencies to develop plans for coping with natural and manmade disasters. Training, technical assistance and public awareness help prepare communities for emergencies.

2. Response
   - Effective mobilization, utilization, coordination and management of the resources, assets and personnel when situations and events do occur.

3. Recovery
   - Timely restoration of essential services, support systems and routine operations after situation and events do occur.

4. Mitigation
   - Prevention of emergency situations and disaster-related events which may result in personal harm, suffering or hardship, property or economic loss, and/or widespread disruption of the routine of community activities and services.
- Per NWS, Georgia averages 26 tornadoes annually.
- A total of 41 tornadoes impacted Georgia over a 36-hour period from 8AM - January 21 to 8PM - January 22.
- This is a new record for the most tornadoes in a single day AND two consecutive day period for both the NWS Peachtree City forecast area, and the state of Georgia.
Carroll’s last tornado was November 2016 (EF0 – cycling)

Carroll’s last federal declaration for Tornado was in 2008.
1. PREPAREDNESS
GET PREPARED: SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

February 6-10, 2017

Severe Weather Preparedness Week Facts

Georgia Averages 26 Tornadoes Annually

Most GA Tornadoes Occur in Late Winter & Spring

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Always be ALERT

Internet

Cell Phone

Television

Tornado Sirens

Be sure you have at least two ways to receive alerts!

weather.gov/atlanta
EMA has worked with schools and county buildings on developing Safety Plans. The plans will be followed by tabletop scenarios and a drill with staff to test the plan.
INTRODUCTION

ACCIDENT, SERIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS

BOMB OR BOMB THREAT / SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE

FIRE

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT

HOSTAGE OR TERRORIST

INTRUDER

PUBLIC DISRUPTIONS

TORNADO WATCH OR WARNING AND SEVERE WEATHER

UTILITY EMERGENCY/AFTER-HOURS BUILDING EMERGENCY

TORNADO WATCH OR WARNING AND SEVERE WEATHER

DEFINITION:

Tornado Watch: Conditions are favorable for a tornado or severe weather. Make staff aware, but take no action.

Tornado Warning: Tornado has been sighted. Take shelter immediately.

SIGNALS:

Upon the forecast of severe, imminent weather, department personnel will turn on the weather radio or this radio to monitor the situation.

STEPS OF ACTION:

1. Staff and public should proceed to their designated position against the wall and assume a huddling position. Head down, hands covering head.
2. Staff and public in unsafe locations will go to a pre-designated location when directed by Courthouse staff.
3. Secure doors in your department.

PHONE NUMBERS:

Control Room: 770-830-5628

**FLOOR PLAN SHOULD BE AVAILABLE.**
EXERCISES – PRACTICE YOUR PLANS

Carroll County and Carrollton City Schools

- Training for School Safety Team(s): Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

- Develop and refine School Safety Plans

- County School Safety Summit: 200+ participants from 24 Campuses - Active Shooter, Workplace Violence, Bomb Threat or Severe Weather Tabletop

- Active Shooter Drills at Carrollton City, Villa Rica, Sharp’s Creek and Central; Annual Tornado Drills at all county schools.
Muscle Memory
STORM SPOTTER CLASSES
WEATHER BRIEFINGS
Weekly and called weather briefings from the National Weather Service. These briefings help local school and government officials make decisions about closings, and it allows for the coordination of resources.
2. RESPONSE
TORNADO IN CARROLLTON
MANAGING DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

TO BENEFIT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TORNADO IN ADEL, GA

WALMART SUPERCENTER
1735 S HIGHWAY 27,
CARROLLTON, GA 30117

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 25
7 AM - 7 PM

THURSDAY
JANUARY 26
7 AM - 2 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
PROJECT GIFT HOTLINE AT 770-832-4729

ITEMS NEEDED:

PAPER GOODS
Toilet tissue, paper towels, paper plates

CLEANING SUPPLIES
Rags, mops, brooms, gloves, garbage bags, tarps, storage containers

SNACK FOOD ITEMS
Individually packaged

BLANKETS
New, unwrapped

BEVERAGES
Bottled water, energy drinks, soda, juice

SOCKS AND UNDERGARMENTS

HYGIENE PRODUCTS
Shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, adult diapers, medicine

BABY ITEMS
Diapers, formula, baby food, nursery water

READY-TO-EAT FOOD
Non-perishable items, cans with pop-top lids

ICE CHESTS AND COOLERS

VISIT SOUTHWRAP ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES AND DETAILS.
3. RECOVERY
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

Public Assistance

- Federal assistance to state, local governments and non-profits for emergency protective measures, debris clearance or to repair public infrastructure to pre-disaster condition

Individual Assistance

- Federal assistance to homeowners and renters (not insured)
After the storm has passed, the EMA and its volunteers assess the damage to individual homes as well as public infrastructure. We provide estimates to GEMA, if the total damage in either category meets the county threshold, and in turn, the state has enough counties with damage, then the Governor can ask the President for a federal disaster declaration.
Moore, Oklahoma

Disaster Recovery Program

Action Plan
CARROLL COUNTY IS THE MOST FEDERALLY DECLARED COUNTY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA.
4. MITIGATION
The county, along with its 8 cities, just updated and adopted a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identify projects that will make the county and cities more resilient to future disasters. FEMA through GEMA provided the county with the funds to complete the plan. In order to receive post disaster mitigation funds, a project must be identified in the county’s mitigation plan.
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<th>Coordinating Organization</th>
<th>Timeline</th>
<th>Approximate Cost</th>
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<td>Perform tornado safety training for the government employees.</td>
<td>Carroll County and Cities*</td>
<td>Carroll County EMA and municipal police+</td>
<td>3 years</td>
<td>Negligible</td>
<td>Grants and General Funds</td>
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<td>Retrofit public schools with special high wind-resistant films for doors and windows.</td>
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<td>Research the feasibility of using underground utilities.</td>
<td>Georgia Power, Carroll EMC, Others</td>
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<td>Promote the use of special roofing shingles designed to interlock and resist uplift forces for both new construction and retrofits.</td>
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<td>2.1.5</td>
<td>Promote the construction of safe rooms in shelter areas and in public buildings.</td>
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In response to the Ice Storm, Carroll is eligible for Hazard Mitigation money. The City of Carrollton applied for a fixed Generator for its water and wastewater departments.
Participation is a requirement in order to receive federal assistance.

Provides low cost flood insurance to homeowners in the FEMA flood plain.

Flooding is not covered by most Homeowners policies.

Peter Debick, FEMA Flood Plain Coordinator
770-830-5861
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www.carrollcountyga.com
County website with Alert Center. Sign up for notices.

https://twitter.com/CarrollGA_EMA
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