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City of Charleston to Activate PSOC Due to Severe Weather Forecast

Charleston, S.C.--Due to the latest severe weather forecast from the National Weather Service, the City of Charleston will activate the Public Safety Operation Center at 6 a.m. Wednesday to manage the city's response during and after the storm, as needed.

Shortly after 3 p.m. today, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch, which includes Charleston and Berkeley Counties, through Wednesday afternoon. The advisory states: "Numerous to widespread showers and thunderstorms will impact the region through Wednesday. . . . The rain could fall quick enough to produce runoff and flash flooding."

The National Weather Service Charleston has told local officials to expect two to four inches of rain, possibly more in isolated areas.

City of Charleston Emergency Management Director Shannon Scaff said, "As always, the safety of our citizens is job one. We urge everyone to stay tuned to local media for the latest weather forecast, and to exercise caution when on the roads."

In anticipation of the possible flooding, city stormwater crews stand ready to provide assistance as needed, in low-lying areas.

Parks Department crews are monitoring water levels at Colonial and Dotterer Lakes and are on call and ready to respond to any parks or tree issues that may occur due to the heavy rainfall.

City recreation activities will take place as normal. Check the City of Charleston Recreation Department Facebook Page for any changes.

Based on data collected during recent flooding events, citizens are cautioned that the following intersections and areas may be impacted:

- Lockwood Boulevard and Broad Street
- Calhoun Street between Courtenay Drive and Pitt Street
- Hagood Avenue and Fishburne Street

- Highway 61 exit ramp from Ashley River Bridge to Saint Andrews Boulevard
- Ashley River Bridge exit ramp onto Lockwood Drive
- Connector from Lockwood Drive to Calhoun Street at the base of the James Island Connector
- President Street between Bogard Street and Nunan Street
- Huger Street and King Street

Road closures will be updated on the city's road closure map, which can be viewed here: <http://gis.charleston-sc.gov/road-closures>.

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