

	County of Accomack	
	Emergency Management	
	Subject:	Severe Weather Conditions - Response
	Effective Date:	March 18, 2010 – Approved by Fire Commission
Signature of Approval:	 Jason Loftus Coordinator of Emergency Management	

PURPOSE

To provide guidance on response during hurricane or other severe weather events impacting Accomack County.

SCOPE

The following guideline will be used in effort to keep all personnel safe during a severe weather event.

CONTENT

Response to calls for service will continue until the “No Response Order” is issued. Prior to this announcement, any Station Officer, or Shift Supervisor who feels that situations encountered are sufficiently dangerous to personnel at his/her location, may choose to cease operations. Report this to the 911 Dispatch Center and Emergency Operations Center as soon as possible.

The No Response Order will be given at the appropriate time by the Emergency Management Coordinator. The E.M. Coordinator will use the following guideline to determine when apparatus and personnel will be placed in non-response mode during storm conditions.

- Sustained Winds Below 50 mph – normal response as deemed appropriate by officers in the field.
- Sustained Winds Above 50 mph – No Response Order will be given. No calls will be dispatched. This is a time for self-protection.

Weather data used to determine wind speed shall come from a variety of sources, to include but not limited any one or more of the following:

- Field Reports
- National Weather Service Data Feeds
- Private Weather Feeds

A No Response Order may be issue for only an effected portion of the County.

Once a No Response Order is issued, weather data will be continuous monitored, until safe conditions are present. During such time, all EMS and Fire Calls shall be queued and ready for dispatch.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This policy of Non Fire and EMS response shall be provided in print in Emergency Management materials and present on the Emergency Management Website.

In addition, as emergency warnings or official statements are issued by Accomack County, a statement of non-response will be reiterated to the public as a reminder or in anticipation of a storm condition.