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City of Portsmouth Responds to Inclement Weather Conditions

Portsmouth, VA -- The City of Portsmouth has declared a local state of emergency, effective 9 a.m. this morning as a result of the current weather conditions. The declaration has been made in order for city officials and staff to implement safety measures to prevent and respond to emergency situations throughout the city.

As of Wednesday, November 11th, emergency management staff activated a partial Emergency Operations Center, with a full activation as of 8 a.m. today.

Residents of the Olde Towne neighborhood are currently receiving telephone messages by way of the Reverse-911 community messaging service to encourage vehicle removal from flood-prone streets. Parking spaces are available and are free of charge in the County Street and Middle Street Parking Garages.

Many Portsmouth streets are experiencing flooding and public safety personnel are closely monitoring these areas.

All Portsmouth residents are encouraged to maintain situational awareness and to exercise safety measures in protecting their families and their properties.

Citizens with emergency situations should call 911. For non-emergency calls for information, citizens can call the Emergency Operations Center at 393-8274.

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