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ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE - HURRICANE SANDY

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Department of Emergency Management is reporting a minor impact in the County from Hurricane Sandy. The Emergency Operations Center will be closing at 12:00 p.m. today. The Local State of Emergency for Orange County is still in effect and may be lifted as soon as 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

The following is the latest information regarding the storm's impact on Orange County and weather conditions as of Tuesday, October 30, 2012:

- An additional ½ inch of rain is forecasted for Orange County in the next 24 hours.
- Wind speeds will remain in the 20-25 MPH range with gusts of 40 MPH.
- The roads in Orange County are open but some are covered in light debris (leaves, small limbs, etc). The debris should not impact travel throughout the County.
- At the time of this report, there are 30 people without power in Orange County.
- There are no reported issues with any of the water treatment or sewage facilities in Orange County. There are no reports of damage to any County of Orange facilities.
- The Department of Emergency Management does not anticipate the need to open shelters. There are over 60 hotel rooms available in the Town of Orange that could be used for short term shelter needs.
- Overnight, the calls for emergency services were very light. Fire personnel removed several trees from the roadways and EMS personnel transported several patients to area hospitals. There are no reported injuries due to the storm.

Orange County will remain vigilant in its actions and pass along needed information related to Hurricane Sandy if more is received. Please check Orange County's webpage at www.orangecountyva.gov for up-to-date information about local conditions. For more information about our emergency efforts, to report non-emergent information, and for questions regarding this storm, please call 540-672-7044.

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