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### East Central teams ready to respond to Hermine

TENNILLE– The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a tropical storm warning ahead of hurricane Hermine and Governor Nathan Deal today issued a state of emergency for 56 counties located in central, coastal and south Georgia to provide for emergency assistance in anticipation of the storm and effect on the counties in its path.

Counties included in Georgia DOT’s east central district considered within the state of emergency include:

- Dodge
- Laurens
- Emanuel
- Jefferson
- Johnson
- Jenkins
- Burke
- Treutlen
- Richmond

Georgia DOT is making preparations ahead of the storm on a statewide level in partnership with the Governor’s Office, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the NWS and state and local officials. The traveling public’s safety is a top priority as the Department readies for tropical storm weather conditions. Maintaining the roads and bridges are essential before, during and after the storm.

In the event that flooding occurs, crews will have to wait until water recedes to assess the situation. If motorists see flash flooding, trees down or other obstructions on roadways or bridges impeding travel, they are urged to call 511 and speak with an operator to report the incidents.

Area crews out of the Dublin, Louisville and Region Wide outfits will begin 12-hour shifts between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Friday morning. The area offices in Milledgeville, Madison and Augusta will be on standby for any downed trees or local flooding issues.

The east central district also has special outfits asphalt, bridge, sign shop and mechanic experts starting shifts at 6 a.m. tomorrow. These groups will help storm cleanups where needed and setup detours around severe flooding locations.

Georgia DOT's Tennille District will continually monitor the storm to ensure the traveling public's safety.

Motorists are reminded of the hazards of being on the roads during inclement weather that potentially includes high winds, flash flooding, the possibility of downed trees and possible road and bridge closures. The public is advised to not drive around barricades that are in place for motorist's safety and to treat non-operational signals as a four-way stop. Additionally, the public should monitor local radio and TV stations for the latest details on weather conditions and possible evacuations.

For real-time road conditions, call 511 or visit [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org). For weather information, visit the National Weather Service in Tallahassee, Florida at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tlh/>, or the National Weather Service in Peachtree City, Georgia at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ffc/>.

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