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GEORGIA DOT STORM RESPONSE CREWS ON LOCATION CONTINUING EFFORTS TO INSPECT BRIDGES AND CLEAR ROADWAYS

Work crews depart overnight shelter camps and return to work along the roads

ATLANTA–Georgia DOT crews loaded vehicles and needed equipment and returned to work zones across the impacted areas of the coast earlier this morning. The focus of today continues to be on clearing debris and downed trees from the roads to enable full re-entry of displaced citizens. Interstates and state routes remain the primary responsibility of the Department, and crews will move to assist local governments as resources allow.

"Our work crews were able to get a little rest overnight and are prepared to continue the job of making Georgia's roads and bridges safe for passage by motorists," said GDOT Southeastern District Engineer Brad Saxon. "We were able to make significant process yesterday, and we hope to be able to have all of our routes passable by the end of today for full use by first responder teams."

Overall, current conditions in the most impacted counties still include widespread power outages with some municipalities reporting issues with the public water systems, lack of emergency response personnel and flooded areas. The recovery efforts to stabilize the infrastructure and allow residents to return will be more efficient if motorists avoid roads in and out of the area.

Visit Georgia DOT's hurricane page at <u>www.dot.ga.gov/DS/Emergency/Hurricane</u> for the latest information.

The public should monitor local radio and TV stations for the latest details on road openings. For more information:

- GEMHSA.ga.gov for emergency information
- Dot.ga.gov for roadway information
- 511ga.org or call 511 for roadway conditions or to report roadway conditions
- Redcross.org for shelter information
- GPBnews.org for news alerts and throughout the state

• Overhead changeable message signs and electronic billboards will provide up to the minute information

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

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