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**GEORGIA DOT STORM RESPONSE CREWS CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INSPECT BRIDGES AND CLEAR ROADWAYS**

*Work winding down for today as darkness sets in but resumes first thing in the morning*

ATLANTA—Georgia DOT crews have been on the job since daylight this morning, heading to the heavily impacted areas of Georgia’s coast to begin storm recovery efforts. Despite the widespread damage, crews have been successful in inspecting some of the most vital bridges in the region, and beginning the labor intensive effort of clearing debris and fallen trees. Power lines continue to be a major issue along many of the roads, and Georgia DOT crews are working closely with service providers as they repair the power lines.

“Storm relief efforts such as inspecting bridges and structures must be conducted during daylight hours, and now crews are winding down work as dusk sets in along the coast,” said GDOT Southeastern District Engineer Brad Saxon. “There is still much work to do and our crews will return to work first thing on Sunday morning.”

More than 830 Georgia DOT employees have been on call working on storm repairs.

Current conditions in the impacted counties still include extensive and widespread power outages. Many municipalities are also reporting issues with the public water systems, lack of emergency response personnel and flooded areas. Residents are encouraged to remain in their evacuated locations until conditions have been stabilized. Additionally, motorists attempting to navigate roads that have not been cleared for passage hinder the storm response efforts, and ultimately delay their own re-entry.

Visit Georgia DOT’s hurricane page at [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/Emergency/Hurricane](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/Emergency/Hurricane) 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](http://GEMHSA.ga.gov) for emergency information
- [Dot.ga.gov](http://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 [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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