

CITY OF CRISFIELD
PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE #1
HURRICANE JOAQUIN

THIS CORRESPONDANCE IS DESIGNED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AS TO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO HURRICANE JOAQUIN AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF CRISFIELD. PLEASE KEEP IT HANDY FOR EASY REFERENCE. OTHER NOTICES MAY BE ISSUED AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT.

- **As of 3:00 pm on October 1, 2015 Hurricane Joaquin was following a course that still leaves much uncertainty as to its eventual landfall. Complicating the matter is the predicted heavy rains that should arrive here sometime late Thursday or early Friday and continue through Saturday, raising the potential of severe coastal flooding.**
- **As of approximately 3:00pm Governor Hogan has declared a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Maryland. In the Governor's words, he took this action out of "an abundance of caution" and that while he "hopes for the best, we will prepare for the worst".**
- **The City is in contact with Somerset County government and is prepared to participate in any county-wide storm response, including evacuation from flood-prone areas.**
- **Your City government has been in constant communication with all State and county emergency service providers, the Crisfield Volunteer Fire Company, the Lower Shore Ambulance and Rescue Squad and all City department heads to assure that plans are in place for every contingency.**
- **In anticipation of widespread flooding, the City has made the Carvel Hall property available for temporary parking of vehicles and heavy equipment. Personal property left at Carvel Hall is at the public's risk as the City claims no responsibility for its safe-keeping. Please avoid parking in the areas designated as "No Parking".**
- **Sand is available to the public for packing your own sand bags at the Tidewater Express property on Rt. 413 directly across from The Circle Inn. Please bring your own bags.**
- **Please secure all outside furniture, lawn ornaments, advertising signs, trash containers or anything that might be subject to washing away. Any property containing garbage bins or dumpsters should make sure that they are securely covered to prevent trash from blowing away.**

- **During heavy rain and flooding, flow of wastewater will be diminished through the City sewer system. Please use restraint and common sense in your use of plumbing fixtures.**
- **We intend to close streets when circumstances require it. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED STREETS. We know that half of flood-related fatalities occur in vehicles. Additionally, driving through flooded streets creates wave action that only increases the damage to property. Stay home and stay safe.**
- **In the event an evacuation is necessary, you will be advised as to how to proceed. As in any emergency, call 9-1-1 for help.**
- **For valuable information on hurricane preparedness and to follow the progress of the storm visit www.crisfieldpd.com. For general questions or for additional information, please call Crisfield City Hall at 410.968.133.**
- **Mayor Kim Lawson has directed that any official communication to and from the City of Crisfield shall directed through the city manager's office. On behalf of the Mayor & City Council, I wish you safe conduct through the coming storm. Do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of help. God bless.**

**RICK POLLITT
CITY MANAGER**