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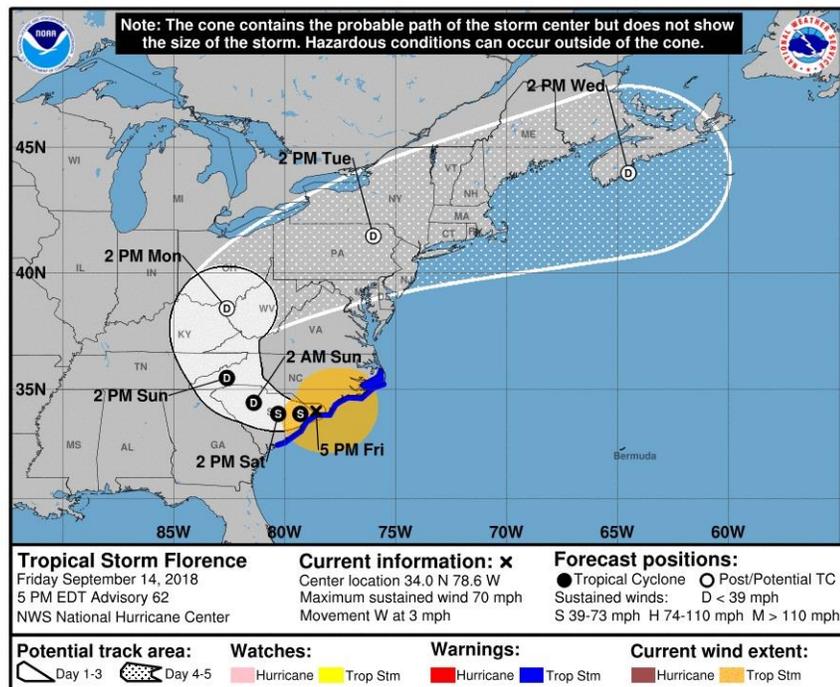
**TROPICAL STORM FLORENCE - SEPTEMBER 14, 7:30 PM**

North Myrtle Beach, SC – September 14, 2018 –

As of the 5:00 p.m. National Hurricane Center statement (likely its last daily statement), Florence is now a Tropical Storm moving slowly westward at about 3 mph across extreme Southeastern North Carolina and impacting North Myrtle Beach.

Although its winds are tropical force, its extremely slow forward movement means that it essentially sits and hammers the locations it passes over for prolonged. Its torrential rains will continue.

The prolonged winds and rain have had their success in toppling trees on to power lines, leaving thousands in North Myrtle Beach and elsewhere without power. Santee Cooper is assessing all causes and will move to repair when winds allow their crews to do vertical work.



As it continues its slow journey, Florence will impact other parts of Horry County and South Carolina.

The potential for river and flash flooding continue to be concerns.

**NORTH MYRTLE BEACH EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVE**

When Florence's winds dropped down to safe levels, emergency and other crews again took to the roads to provide service. Public Safety personnel caught up with all the calls for assistance they took at the height of the storm here, and fire trucks have been responding to calls for service as well.

**911 SYSTEM EXPERIENCING DELAYS**

The 911 Emergency system in Horry County has experienced some delays. North Myrtle Beach added a temporary emergency number for those in North Myrtle Beach experiencing medical and other life-threatening

situations to call: (843) 280-5511. First call 911 and, if there is a delay, then call the North Myrtle Beach number. The alternate number will remain in effect until it is no longer needed.

For non-emergencies in North Myrtle Beach use these phone numbers:

EOC - Non-Emergency Public Line: (843) 280-5531

EOC - Non-Emergency Public Line: (843) 281-3769

**DAILY CURFEW IN EFFECT**

A daily curfew is in effect from 7pm-7am. It will remain in place until further notice.

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