

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-68

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MONMOUTH COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COASTAL FLOOD EVACUATION PLAN (CFEP) AS PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

WHEREAS, Monmouth County remains highly vulnerable to flooding and susceptible to damage associated with coastal storm events; and

WHEREAS, some of the County's most densely populated areas and seasonally dependent businesses are located within 1-mile of the coast with densities in some places exceeding 5,000 people per square mile; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management, with assistance from the Monmouth County Division of Planning and Aberdeen Township's Office of Emergency Management, has developed a Multi-Jurisdictional Coastal Flood Evacuation Plan (CFEP) to improve response and coordination among local, state and county agencies responsible for emergency operations involving floods; and

WHEREAS, the CFEP was developed using established National Weather Service Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model inundation areas in order to assist decision makers in determining appropriate evacuation strategies and proper allocation of high water response resources; and

WHEREAS, the multi-tiered evacuation zones presented in the CFEP are based on predicted storm surge events issued by the National Weather Service and are the basis for the "Know Your Zone" public education and awareness campaign to improve the storm readiness for residents, businesses, and visitors in Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Coastal Flood Evacuation Plan and participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) program may be eligible for additional CRS credits in accordance with Section 610, Flood Warning and Response, of the NFIP Community Rating System Coordinator's Manual; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that wish to earn additional credits towards CRS through adoption of the CFEP must develop their own individual Flood Warning and Response Plan, which at a minimum, must include all of the following action items:

1. Flood Threat Recognition (CRS 612.1): Municipal Coordinator/Deputies must enroll in both INWS and the Stevens Flood Advisory System;
2. Description of Local Flood Hazard (CRS 611.b): Number structures, residences, buildings, critical facilities in each zone and local impacts if flooded;

3. Emergency Warning Dissemination (712.b): Activation of local warning systems based upon flood threat. Such warning may include pre-scripted messages, Reverse 911, Outdoor Siren System, Route Alerting (door to door), etc.;
4. Flood Response Operations (CRS 612.c): Local actions to be taken based upon flood threat. (i.e.: closing roads, relocating critical equipment to higher ground, open shelters/reception areas, etc.) as well as a local person/Office/Department assigned to implement such action;
5. Critical Facilities Planning (CRS 612.d): Critical Facilities must be identified in each zone, with contact information and a plan to notify them when appropriate; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible to receive credits earned under CRS 610, municipalities must complete the following tasks:

- Pass a resolution adopting the Monmouth County CFEP and incorporate the Municipal Flood Warning and Response Plan into the Evacuation Annex of the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Participate in an annual drill or exercise of the Flood Warning and Response Plan or participate in at least one actual event during the year which results in activation of the Flood Warning and Response Plan
- Undertake one or more public Outreach Projects that address the local Flood Warning and Response Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Aberdeen hereby supports adoption of the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Coastal Flood Evacuation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Aberdeen develop and incorporate a Municipal Flood Warning and Response Plan into the Evacuation Annex of the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Aberdeen will support the Monmouth County efforts with the “Know Your Zone” public education and awareness campaign.