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**Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee
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BCREPC Modifies MACC Activation Based on New Guidance

- The BCREPC Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) will activate at 8 a.m. Wednesday.
- No plans for Regional Emergency Shelter System activation.
- Tropical Storm warning in effect.
- Current National Weather Service peak wind forecast: 25-35 mph with gusts to 55 mph.
- Scattered power outages are possible due to fully leafed trees.
- A storm surge of 1 to 2 feet may occur Wednesday and Wednesday night for both south- and east-facing coastlines.
- Urgent request from the United States Coast Guard to paddle craft owners: pull your craft inland to avoid needless searches should they be washed out to sea.

BARNSTABLE (MA) September 19, 2017 – At its Tuesday 10 a.m. conference call, the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC) reviewed the latest guidance on Hurricane Jose. Based on this guidance, the BCREPC changed the activation time of the Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) from 8 p.m. Tuesday to 8 a.m. Wednesday.

STATUS: There are no plans at this time to activate the Regional Emergency Shelter System.

For information about preparedness and the Regional Shelter System visit the Barnstable County REPC website at www.bcrepc.org. Follow the BCREPC on Twitter @bcrepc.

Additional information on preparedness is available from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) at www.mass.gov/mema or the FEMA website at www.ready.gov or call 2-1-1. For specific local information, citizens should contact the emergency management office in their town.

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About the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC)

The BCREPC was founded in September 2002 to assist the communities on Cape Cod and the Town of Nantucket with addressing hazardous materials emergency planning and response as required by the federal government. Today, the BCREPC has expanded its scope to include “All Hazard” emergency planning issues such as storm response, sheltering and grants management. The BCREPC is a coalition of law enforcement, fire service, health care, public health, public works, EMS, military, and numerous other affiliated agencies as outlined by the Massachusetts State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). It represents the towns of Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wellfleet, and Yarmouth in Barnstable County, and the town of Nantucket in Nantucket County. The REPC is coordinated by the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment. Visit www.bcrepc.org

Barnstable County Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC)

The Barnstable County Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) assists Cape Cod towns during regional emergencies. The MACC serves as a clearinghouse for regional resource requests and supports the regional emergency shelter system when it is activated.

When regional resources are unavailable or exhausted, the MACC elevates requests for assistance to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The MACC coordinates with a number of agencies and organizations including town emergency operations centers, utility companies, healthcare facilities, regional transportation operations, the Massachusetts National Guard, the American Red Cross, the Cape Cod Citizen Corps Council, and other non-governmental organizations.

Barnstable County All Hazards Incident Management Team

The Barnstable County All Hazards Incident Management Team operates the MACC under the authority of the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee. A component of the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee, the Barnstable County All Hazards Incident Management Team was established in 2005 is composed of volunteers from both the public and private sectors. The highly trained team follows FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) standards and operates within the framework of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).