

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – 6:30 am

At 6am, the northern edge of Isaias eye has reached Isle of Wight and is nearing Windsor. The National Weather Service (NWS) has cancelled all tornado watches for our area. Based on the NWS 5:30am hourly forecast update, we could see some of our highest winds between now and 8am across the county (timing moving from the south to the north) as Isaias moves out of the area. By 8am, we should be seeing the winds begin to fairly quickly decrease and be nearing “normal” by around 11am.

While we did have several tornado warnings issued as the leading edge of Isaias moved in, we currently have any actual tornados and have no reports of any damages. We have heard of damages in Suffolk (Riverview area) and some fairly significant damage in the Courtland area (near the DQ as you exit Courtland on Rt58 – the motel near that area lost its roof). We did have a family of 4 from one of the trailer parks in Windsor take shelter at the Public Safety Building around 3:45am for around 30 minutes.

As of 6am, Community Electric is reporting 571 customers without power, the majority of the outages are focused in the Smithfield area (about 400) and there is another pocket west of Windsor. Dominion Power is reporting 524 without power primarily mostly focused in the Walters/Carrsville area there was also about 76 customers without power in the Morgats Beach area and a few other scattered outages across the county. Dispatch as seen a recent uptick in reports of arcing power lines, down power lines and transformer fires– which may be a sign that folks are waking up and starting to venture out and are noticing the issues causing the power outages. We are unable to view power outages for Franklin Light and Power online, so have no reports to relay regarding their outages in the county. Power at the Courthouse Complex was out for a while, but is currently back on.

Overall, the E911 calls have been a fairly normal volume (maybe lower than normal), but we are starting to see a slightly higher call volume (still no more than normal). Again, we are attributing much of this to folks waking up and noticing things and/or individuals that held off making EMS calls during the storm that are starting to dial 911.