

When a disaster occurs, the County's emergency operations plan (EOP) may be directed from the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). When an emergency occurs or is pending, the Emergency Operations Center Manager confers with Emergency Management as to what level of EOC activation is needed and which EOC representatives need to be notified. Agency representatives can communicate and command the incident as one unified force while also having access to outside resources and information. There are many county departments, state, private and volunteer agencies that may be called to the EOC – Emergency Management, Sheriff's office, Public Safety, Schools, Public Works, Building & Zoning - as well as state and private agencies such as Virginia State Police, Health Department, Department of Social Services, VA Cooperative Extension, and VDOT. Also represented are volunteer agencies such as Fire/EMS companies and the amateur radio club.

Before, possibly during, and after a disaster threatens the county, Isle of Wight County Emergency Management personnel will be releasing official press releases to the public via local media and the emergency alerts section of this website. These releases will only be updated as conditions warrant - not on a scheduled time basis. Our local media does a wonderful job of disseminating this information. It is important that you have access to this information.

| Tune in to our Local media for Emergency Information | | |
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| WFAX 1220 AM Radio Falls Church, VA | WHRO 90.3 FM Radio <i>Norfolk, VA</i> WLQM 101.7 FM Radio <i>Franklin, VA</i> | WKGM 940 AM Radio Smithfield, VA |
| WAVY – TV Portsmouth, VA | WVEC - TV Norfolk, VA | WTKR – TV Norfolk, VA |

A NOAA weather radio is also something every resident should own. With these inexpensive radios, you can receive emergency weather alerts - even in the middle of the night when your television and entertainment radios are turned off. The information broadcast comes from the National Weather Service in Wakefield, Virginia.