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## **SARATOGA COUNTY ADVISES RESIDENTS OF STORM SAFETY MEASURES**

### **County Emergency Services Team & Area Swift Water Rescue Personnel on Standby**

SARATOGA COUNTY, NY – Saratoga County officials today announced its Emergency Services team and area Swift Water Rescue personnel are on standby to assist local residents as well as deploy to other areas of the state impacted by the storm, if necessary. County officials also advise residents to take necessary precautions ahead of Tropical Storm Henri.

Saratoga County's Fire Departments with Swift Water Rescue capabilities are on standby should deployment be requested as part of the Statewide Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan. The Statewide Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan is an agreement between communities to assist each other in significant emergencies. This Plan is administered by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control. The Swift Water Rescue team is comprised of emergency services professionals from fire departments around Saratoga County who are specially trained in this type of water rescue.

Saratoga County Emergency Services is ready to coordinate storm related deployments, if necessary.

Town of Moreau Supervisor and Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Theodore Kusnierz, Jr. said, "We are actively monitoring the storm and our dedicated Emergency Services team is ready to be activated, if necessary. While the storm forecast could change, we urge Saratoga County residents to take precautionary measures to ensure the safety of themselves, their families and their neighbors."

With Tropical Storm Henri expected to hit Saratoga County Sunday and a flood watch activated, County officials advise residents to prepare ahead of the storm.

#### **Storm Preparedness & Safety Tips:**

- Have an emergency kit with enough food, water and medicine on hand to last you at least three days in the case of an emergency.
- Make sure generators and propane grills are well ventilated and not inside the house or garage.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Charge phones and other electronic devices ahead of the storm.
- Always assume downed powerlines are active. Never touch or attempt to move them.
- Remember to include your pets in your emergency plan.

#### **Flood Safety Tips:**

- During periods of heavy rains, stay away from flood prone areas such as stream beds, drainage ditches and culverts.
- Move to higher ground if flooding threatens your area.
- Be especially cautious at night as it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- Never attempt to drive through a flooded roadway.

For storm updates and information, please follow the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services Facebook page @SaratogaOES or on Twitter @SaratogaOES.

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