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PRESS RELEASE

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER OPENS TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES WITH FLASH FLOODING

CONCORD, N.H. – The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) opened at 9:45 PM in an enhanced monitoring status to monitor and assist local communities as they respond and assess localized flooding concerns. The enhanced monitoring status means that NH Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has staff available and in the SEOC to assist local communities with any requests they may have.

Flooding incidents have been reported in a number of communities in southern Grafton County.

The National Weather Service in Gray, ME has posted a flash flood warning for southern Grafton County until 11:30 PM.

Up to 3 inches of rain has already fallen in parts of Grafton County.

“A flash flood warning is issued when flash flooding is occurring,” HSEM Director Jennifer Harper said. “Residents should remain alert and heed evacuation requests from local public safety officials.”

Harper also offered the following recommendations:

- Have what you need and know what to do to be safe.
- Monitor local conditions, particularly in areas that have flooded before.
- Do not drive through floodwaters on roadways. Adjust speeds for road conditions – even ponding on roadways can be hazardous.
- Report power outages to your electric utility.
- Stay clear of downed power lines and assume they are live. Call your utility, police or fire department to report downed power lines.
- Check on the welfare of elderly or handicapped relatives or neighbors.
- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn what to do to stay safe.

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