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## PRESS RELEASE

### STATE OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATED; INITIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS ONGOING

CONCORD, N.H. – Flash Floods and cresting rivers caused significant damage across parts of New Hampshire last night and into today. As a result, the New Hampshire State Emergency Operations Center activated to Partial level as of 10:00 A.M. to coordinate the State’s response. The State Emergency Operations Center closed as of 4:00 P.M.

“People in areas where flooding has occurred or is occurring should take immediate action by moving to higher ground,” said state Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “If you need emergency assistance, call 9-1-1. For non-emergency flooding-related matters, residents should call 2-1-1.”

Overnight, several communities experienced substantial rainfall resulting in flooding and significant damage including towns in Cheshire, Sullivan, Merrimack and Belknap counties. New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management is working directly with local emergency management officials to coordinate any resources needed for the response.

The town of Marlow, with support from the American Red Cross, has opened a shelter at the John D. Perkins Elementary School, located at 919 NH Route 10 in Marlow for anyone displaced by the storm or flooding. Pets are welcome and will be co-located at the shelter, but not allowed inside the school. Owners are encouraged to bring food, bowls, crates and leashes.

State and local officials are actively assessing damage from the storms, which is the first step in determining eligibility for requesting federal disaster assistance. Anyone who is low to moderate income **AND** is uninsured or under-insured with damage to their homes or properties are asked to call 2-1-1 or 1-866-444-4211 to request assistance.

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