

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

The following Proclamation is issued by the following elected bodies as represented by the lead elected official or designee for the following Jurisdiction(s):

- Chair of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners
- Mayor of the City of Sanford

WHEREAS, information from the office of the Lee County Emergency Services will indicate that a hazardous situation is affecting the population within our County and City;

WHEREAS, this hazardous event has been named, Tornado of April 16, 2011 by Lee County Office of Emergency Services or another credible source;

WHEREAS, said event, is capable of causing widespread and severe damage; and further, that such conditions are beginning to occur or have a high likelihood of occurring in the near future, and/or are likely to worsen, and that such conditions may exist in the County of Lee and The City of Sanford for an indefinite period of time; and

WHEREAS, the hazardous conditions associated with Tornado of April 16, 2011, are such as to constitute an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 1 of N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, Article 36A of N.C.G.S. Chapter 14, and pertinent chapters of

N.C.G.S. 14-288.12 through N.C.G.S. 14-288.17 and any and all applicable local plans, mutual assistance compacts and agreements, the Chairman of Lee County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the following jurisdictions:

- County of Lee
- City of Sanford

I further proclaim that the ordinances set forth below, which are contained in "An Ordinance To Provide For Emergency Management in the Unincorporated Areas of Lee County" duly registered under Book 00003, Start Page of 0003, End Page of 0011, within Instrument # 08001, Chapter 14 Article II Section 14-31 through Section 14-37 of the City of Sanford Code of Ordinances entitled "Civil Emergency Management", "An Ordinance to Provide For Emergency Management within the Incorporated Limits of the Town of Broadway," and are necessary in order to maintain an acceptable level of public order, services, and protection of lives, safety and property during this emergency, and that the same shall be in effect within the applicable jurisdictions of County of Lee and the City of Sanford until this Proclamation expires or is rescinded. I hereby order all county law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency response personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances below as indicated:

Possession, Consumption & Transfer of Intoxicating Liquor

1. No person shall possess or consume any intoxicating liquor, including beer and wine, other than on his or her premises in the affected areas.
2. No person shall sell, purchase, transport or otherwise transfer any intoxicating liquor, including beer and wine in the affected areas.

Curfew

1. No person not exempted by this proclamation shall appear in public in the geographic area described in this proclamation between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. of any day.

2. This curfew shall apply to the following areas: areas in Lee County South of Highway #78 and South Horner Blvd with the City Limits of Sanford, Poplar Springs Church Road, Lemon Springs Road and any areas affected by the Tornado within the corporate limits of the City of Sanford and County of Lee.
3. The following classes of people are exempt from these curfew restrictions in the circumstances indicated:
 - Any police or public safety officer or other government employee engaged in official business;
 - Any member, volunteer or employee of an organization providing disaster relief services;
 - Any person in transit from a place where they were temporarily engaged and could not have planned their departure to avoid the curfew.
 - Any medical service provider engaged in delivering medical services.
 - Members of the news media engaged in duties essential to providing public information.
 - Any other personnel identified within the Emergency Operations Plan in effect for the incident

All of the above must carry proper identification.

Possession and Transfer of Dangerous Weapons or Substances

1. No person shall possess any dangerous weapons or substances unless they remain in a place of storage on his or her premises, or, if they cannot be readily stored on his or her premises, unless they remain in a customary place of storage not readily available to the possessor. No person may transport or sell or otherwise transfer any guns, rifles, ammunitions, dynamite, and any or all dangerous weapons or substances.
2. The following classes of people are exempt from these restrictions in the circumstances indicated:
 - Police and public safety officers may possess any weapon necessary to carry out their duties when on active duty;

- Those persons identified by the law enforcement body having jurisdiction as having need to possess a weapon to carry out their duties when on active duty;
- Any person may possess gasoline when the gasoline is in the tank of an automobile in his or her possession; or if engaged in the business of selling gasoline.

Access to Restricted Areas

1. The chief law enforcement officer within the jurisdiction and his or her subordinates may restrict or deny access to any area, location, or street where such a restriction is necessary in order to help overcome this emergency or to prevent the emergency from worsening. These restrictions on access shall be indicated by means of barricades, posted notices, or orders to anyone in the area.
2. No person shall obtain access or attempt to obtain access to any area, location, or street to which the chief law enforcement officer within the jurisdiction or his or her subordinates have restricted access according to the above directive.
3. The chief law enforcement officer within the jurisdiction and his or her subordinates may allow such personnel as needed, entry to the restricted area in order to help overcome this emergency or to prevent the emergency from worsening.

Evacuation

1. The lead elected official for the jurisdiction and or his or her designee has determined that, in the best interest of public safety and protection, it is necessary to voluntarily evacuate the civilian population from the following areas: South of Hwy. #78 and South Horner Blvd. Voluntary evacuation is to occur as soon as possible.

I further proclaim that the Emergency Operations Plans adopted by the jurisdiction and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded. All emergency management personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

I direct that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted at the appropriate elected body meeting place(s) and other public buildings as appropriate.

This Proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a Period of five days unless sooner rescinded pursuant to G.S. 14-288.16.

COUNTY OF LEE:

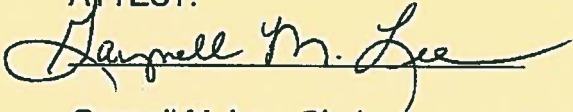
Proclaimed this the 16th day of April 2011, at 8 p.m.



Linda A. Shook, Chairman

Board of Commissioners, County of Lee

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk

CITY OF SANFORD:

Proclaimed this the 16th day of April 2011, at 8 p.m.



Mayor, City of Sanford

ATTEST:



Bonnie D. White, City Clerk