

Coast Guard Updates North Carolina Hurricane Florence Response

GOLDSBORO, N.C. – The Coast Guard continues to coordinate with federal, state and local agencies to respond to flooding from Hurricane Florence in North Carolina, the Coast Guard Hurricane Response Media Operations Centers said in a Sept. 18 release.

The service provided the following update of its activities, which include:

- The Coast Guard has rescued 426 people and 234 pets since Hurricane Florence began.
- There are 26 shallow-water response boat teams deployed to North Carolina comprising 116 people.
- There are 191 Coast Guard members assigned to the North Carolina Incident Command Post in Goldsboro, North Carolina.
- There are four buoy tenders en route to Wanchese, Oak Island, and Atlantic City Beach to assess waterway and port conditions.

“Search and rescue remains the highest priority in the neighborhoods impacted by Hurricane Florence,” said Capt. Bion Stewart, leader of the Coast Guard’s response to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina. “We are also focusing on reopening the ports and waterways to support relief aid and resume commercial operations vital to North Carolina economy and national interest, working alongside the North Carolina State Port Authority, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Army Corps of Engineers to open the Cape Fear River and Morehead City waterways with safety-focused restrictions this afternoon.”