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LOWER TOWNSHIP EXPERIENCES MODERATE FLOODING DURING NORTHEAST STORM

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward P. Donohue reported the police department activated its Emergency Operations Room early Friday morning and again on Saturday morning, for several hours, during the peak of the high tide cycles.

Donohue stated that the Operation's Center is manned by Police Command Personnel and Township OEM Personnel who track storm related information such as flooding, down wires, down trees, power outages, etc. That information is then relayed to Township Department of Public Works crews, who must clear storm drains or remove fallen trees and barricade roads due to flooding.

The Operation's Center also keeps in touch with County OEM Officials in Cape May Court House, who in turn are in contact with the State Office of Emergency Management.

Donohue stated that the township received minor to moderate flooding during the three (3) day storm, with the worst of the flooding occurring at high tide on Saturday morning, at which time the Lobster House Restaurant received some water damage inside the restaurant.

Patrol Officers had to advise the State Department of Transportation to shut down the George Redding Bridge several times during the storm at the time of high tides, due to flooding on the Wildwood side of the bridge.

Officers also had to close several side streets in the Schellenger's Landing area of the township as substantial flooding occurred in that area at the time of high tide on Saturday morning.

Patrol Officers had to advise several home owners to move their vehicles to higher ground in the landing area and in the Shawcrest Section of Lower Township at the time of high tide on Saturday morning.

National Guard trucks were sent to several municipalities in the county including Lower Township, to assist with evacuations if needed.

Lower Township reported several wires were down during the storm, along with numerous tree branches. However, no large trees were reported down and no prolonged power outages were reported.



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Donohue noted, "We were fortunate that the very high winds that were first forecast for the storm, did not materialize as the damage and flooding would have been substantially worse."

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