

North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Division of Emergency Management

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MEMORANDUM

To: All NC Swiftwater Rescue Teams

All NC County Emergency Management Coordinators

All NCEM Field Staff

From: Mike Sprayberry, Deputy Director, NCEM

Date: May 11, 2011

Re: 2011 Swiftwater Rescue Team Survey

With the 2011 hurricane season quickly approaching, the Emergency Services Section of NC Emergency Management is seeking qualified Swiftwater Rescue Teams to be added to the State's deployable resource directory. Qualified teams wishing to be considered a state resource are an invaluable asset to the State's ability to respond to flooding events.

In the past year alone North Carolina has seen an influx in natural disasters that have tested the capabilities of our resources and shown that we must always be prepared for the worst case scenario. We intend to continue to build on past successes and further develop the capabilities of our state.

We ask that teams wishing to be considered complete the attached Team Survey and return it to our office no later than June 17, 2011. The current survey has been updated from past versions, and we ask that all teams, both new and old, complete the newest version. In addition, we are requesting that all teams provide a letter from their respective County or Municipality confirming that the team is a SAR Resource Provider within the jurisdiction, a copy of the Team's NCAREMS Certification for Water Rescue (if applicable), and proof of Workers Compensation coverage for rostered water rescue team members. This will help us better gauge the level of response we are able to provide during a disaster and ensure proper accountability on all resources.

If you have any questions, please contact Derrick Remer, Search and Rescue Program Manager, at dremer@ncem.org or at 919-733-2925.

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