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INFORMATION:

Charlotte Fire Department Response to Hurricane Sandy
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At 1:00 p.m. Monday, the State of Maryland requested three Type III Swiftwater Rescue Teams from North Carolina. A Type III Team consists of six personnel, one power boat and one paddle craft. The three teams from North Carolina are from Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte. Charlotte's team headed out Monday night around 5:00 p.m. with an initial destination of western Maryland. While en route, the Task Force was diverted to the coast and told to proceed to Norfolk and from there into the lower western shore of Maryland's peninsula. The team encountered severe weather slowing their progress once in Virginia and arrived on scene in Crisfield, Maryland around 1:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The team attended a 7:00 a.m. briefing Tuesday morning and conducted searches through the day in the areas around Somerset, Maryland. The team is housed in a Rescue Squad Station and are under the direction of the Maryland State Office of Emergency Management. Additional assets from North Carolina may be requested as the damage estimates continue to come in. Charlotte's Helo Aquatic Rescue Team (HART) has been placed on stand-bye for possible deployment to Maryland and upper Virginia. Eighteen of the twenty two member State Helicopter Rescue Team are Charlotte Firefighters. The team is a partnership with the North Carolina Office of Emergency Management, the Army National Guard based in Salisbury, and Members of the Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces. This team uses the UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter of the Army National Guard to perform Helicopter Rescues from disasters.

CFD staff will maintain contact with its operations on all fronts and keep Council informed of its actions and any additional requests that come in.

***City Source* Tells Stories of Citizen Service**
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City Source is the City of Charlotte's unique 30-minute program for citizens to learn about the City's services as well as how its employees serve the community. The program airs the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Cable 16 (Time Warner Cable), AT&T U-verse and is streamed LIVE online at www.charlottenc.gov.

The Nov. 1- Nov. 14 episode takes a look inside the historic Carolina Theatre and explores the possibility of its renovation. The episode also features a new "Council Spotlight". This time Andy Dulin speaks with us about pedicab regulations. Other stories include City green efforts, drain no-nos, and winter tree preps.

This information is also promoted in CMail, the City's electronic newsletter emailed to more than 1,100 subscribers and distributed by City departments whose services, programs and employees are featured in an upcoming episode. See **"2. CitySource.pdf"** for a list of upcoming stories.

ATTACHMENTS:

September 24 Transportation and Planning Committee Summary **(see "3. TAP Summary.pdf")**

September 26 Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee Summary **(see "4. HND Summary.pdf")**