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Bertie facing 10-12" rainfall

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WINDSOR- Now is the time prepare.

The Bertie County Emergency Management Department is currently monitoring the track and strength of Hurricane Florence, churning in the Atlantic Ocean.

According to the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Wakefield Va's report from 6 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, Hurricane Florence has the possibility to strengthen over the next day.

As of press time, Hurricane Florence is classified as a category four storm with maximum sustained winds of 130 miles per hour, increasing the risk of life-threatening impacts, including storm surge and inland flooding.

There is an increasing confidence in widespread rainfall totals of six-to-12 inches, with potential for more.

According to Bertie County Manager Scott Sauer, Bertie County Chairman Ernestine Bazemore signed a State of Emergency for Bertie County, which went into

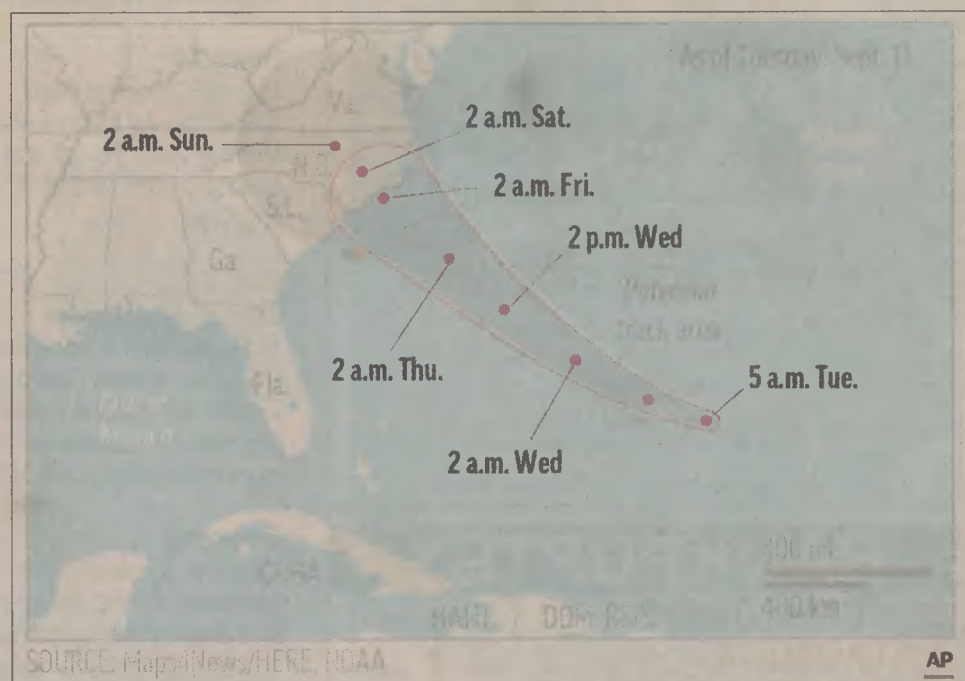
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NASA VIA AP

This photo provided by NASA shows Hurricane Florence from the International Space Station on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, as it threatens the U.S.

East Coast. Florence was upgraded to a Category 4 storm Monday and is expected to begin to impact weather in Bertie County today (Wednesday).



State, federal leaders prepare

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With the latest forecast showing Hurricane Florence likely to grow in strength and threaten the east coast, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has urged all North Carolina residents, businesses and visitors to prepare for

the storm.

The latest forecast from the National Hurricane Center shows Florence becoming a major hurricane and tracking toward the southeastern United States by the end of the week.

"Everyone in North Carolina needs to keep

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NCHP seeks help in two hit-and run cold cases

BY THADD WHITE
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Despite four years passing, the N.C. Highway Patrol is still working on two cases involving hit-and-run deaths.

NCHP 1st Sgt. Rodney W. Sawyer said the organization is still searching for answers in the hit-and-run deaths of Victoria Little of Williamston

and Sherman Wayne Morning of Colerain.

On Aug. 10, 2014, Little was struck by a vehicle while lying in the roadway of U.S. 13 between Windsor and Williamston.

"The vehicle which struck Ms. Little failed to stop at the scene," Sgt. Sawyer said. "Investigators were unable to locate any evidence indi-

cating the type, make, model or color of the vehicle involved."

The original investigation revealed a call came in at approximately 3 a.m. on Aug. 10 about a woman lying in the road. Before officers could respond, Little had been struck, and no vehicle was found at the scene.

Sgt. Sawyer said the NCHP

continues to investigate the case, and is asking anyone with information to come forward.

The investigators are also continuing efforts for another fatality in Bertie County.

Sherman Wayne Morning of Colerain was killed in a hit-and-run collision on N.C. 42 on June 23, 2015. Morning was found lying

in the roadway sometime after 1:30 a.m., and was also struck by an unidentified vehicle.

Those with information about either incident can call 252-332-6800.

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 at Chief's on the River

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