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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Camden County Emergency Management Agency Conducts Hurricane Exercise

**WOODBINE, GEORGIA – May 31, 2019** – On May 30th, the Camden County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) activated their Emergency Operations Center for a hurricane exercise in preparation for the upcoming season beginning June 1, 2019.

Elected officials and staff from Camden County and the cities of Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine made decisions based on the impacts of a fictitious “Hurricane Casey” making landfall along the Georgia-Florida border. Camden County Department of Family and Children Services, Camden County Health Department, Camden County Schools, and the Camden County Sheriff’s Office joined in the simulation that was in conjunction with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) State Operations Center and other coastal Georgia counties.

“Each year there is a very real chance for Camden County to receive impacts from a tropical storm or hurricane,” said Camden County EMA Director Chuck White. “The exercise tests our readiness to take the necessary steps and make difficult decisions needed for the safety of our community.”

The exercise focused on the critical decisions that would need to be made in preparation for the storm through the immediate aftermath. Among the issues discussed and exercised were:

- Evacuation and Re-Entry for the special needs population;
- Damage Assessments;
- Communications;
- Search and Rescue;
- Mass Care Housing and Human Services;
- Resource Support to Local Governments; and the
- Executive Policy Group.

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The exercise provided participants with a real-world scenario designed to test both the abilities of Camden County EMA and partner organizations and agencies to operate in preparation and response to a hurricane or tropical storm.



Staff from Camden County and the cities of Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine work with external partner agencies as part of a response to Hurricane Casey.

**About Camden County:** Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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