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# Press Release

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## **STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY/HURRICANE IRENE**

**DOVER, NJ, AUGUST 27, 2011:** Mayor James P. Dodd, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management, has declared a State of Local Emergency in the Town of Dover due to the conditions from Hurricane Irene and the potential flooding problems anticipated in the community. We are issuing this state of emergency today as a precautionary measure in order to ensure that we are ready for any potential effects of Hurricane Irene. In this emergency we are activating all of our departments so as to best prepare for any situation that may result from Hurricane Irene. We are communicating with our federal and county partners to track the storm so as to plan a coordinated response for any impacts upon Dover. Resources are being deployed accordingly. A reverse 911 call has been placed to residents of the community to advise them of the situation. Additionally, a notice has been hand delivered to properties in the low lying flood prone areas of Dover encouraging them to evacuate their homes until the storm has passed. This is a voluntary decision, but could become mandatory subject to conditions experienced during the hurricane. In cooperation with the Dover Board of Education, we have opened Dover High School as a shelter for any residents who need to be temporarily relocated during the storm. We recommend that residents prepare for the hurricane conditions as best they can. I urge all residents to cooperate with our emergency personnel staff and volunteers in their efforts to provide for public safety.

If you have any questions, please call 973-366-2200 x.112.