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Flash Flood Warning For Shelby County



Shelby County is under a Flash Flood Warning this evening. The remnants of *Hurricane Harvey* brought periods of heavy rain to the area today.

Although the rain is expected to taper off this evening, standing water on many streets will create hazardous driving conditions.

“We’ve had a lot of rain in a short period of time. Those who live in areas prone to flooding need to be on the alert, as well as those who will be on the road tonight,” said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Earlier today, a driver was killed on Interstate 40 near Airline Road. Law enforcement officials believe the weather contributed to the head-on crash of a car and tractor-trailer.

Here are flash flood safety tips:

- Never drive around barricades that block flooded streets
- Don’t drive through standing water on streets and parking lots
- When in doubt, “turn around-don’t drown”

Staff at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness continues to monitor weather conditions and is staying in contact with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. **“Emergency Services Coordinators will be ready to respond if needed,”** added Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

For more information about weather safety and preparedness, go to: www.staysafeshelby.us, Twitter: @scop_hls_ema, Facebook: scop_hls_ema or (901) 222-6700.

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