



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **EL CENTRO FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES CITIZENS TO CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS AND PREPARE FOR WET ROADS**

El Centro, CA – The City of El Centro continues to monitor the tropical storm track and expected rain. The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch in effect from 11 a.m. today to late Tuesday night which includes the City of El Centro. The remnants of Hurricane Rosa will lead to periods of rain over southeast California through Tuesday night. Periods of localized embedded heavy rain are possible leading to the potential for flash flooding. Locations in the Watch area that are most likely to experience flash flooding will be poor drainage areas and normally dry washes near higher terrain.

The driving public is encouraged to take precautionary and preparedness actions to prevent injury or death. A Flash Flood Watch means that flooding of washes, creeks and other drainage areas is possible within the Watch area. If you are in the Watch area, you should watch the weather and be prepared to take immediate action should heavy rain and flooding occur or a flash flood warning be issued.

Please consider the following facts:

- As little as 12 inches of moving floodwater can be enough to float and carry away a small vehicle.
- 6 inches of moving water can knock an adult off their feet. **STAY AWAY** from moving water!
- Driving thru 6 inches of standing water can cause vehicles to lose control & stall. Avoid flooded roads.
- Be aware of areas where waters have receded. Roads may have weakened & could collapse under the weight of a vehicle.
- Even a small amount of floodwater can hide dangers such as road collapse and debris.
- If you approach a flooded road, path, or walkway follow this rule: Turn Around, Don't Drown®
- Driving through flooded roadways can be deadly.

**Stay Informed:** Know where to go for trusted sources of information during an emergency. Monitor local news for weather alerts, watches and warnings in your area and follow directions of local officials. Make sure you have a battery-operated or hand-crank radio available should the power go out.

*Additional information is available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). For City of El Centro information please like our [Facebook page](#), or you may follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).*

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