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UPDATE - TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Severe Thunderstorms and flooding expected today to 9 p.m.

Newark Public Safety Director Anthony F. Ambrose reports that because thunderstorms are predicted today, drivers should avoid streets that may become flooded.

Severe thunderstorms are expected between 3 p.m. through 9 p.m. This weather event is likely to produce heavy rain and gusty winds. Overnight, showers and thunderstorms are expected before 3 a.m., also with the likelihood of heavy rain and gusty winds.

Many streets may be flooded and should be avoided. Because motorists can become stranded by driving through flooded streets and high water, drivers are asked to avoid the below locations and to use alternative routes. Drivers are also discouraged from traveling through any streets that are flooded, have high water or are believed to be flooded.

The following locations should be avoided due to flooding conditions or the potential for flooding:

- Clay Street and McCarter Highway
- South Street and Van Buren Street
- Jefferson and Chestnut Streets
- State Street near Broad Street
- Jabez and Backus Streets
- [357 Wilson Avenue](#)
- Manufacturers Place and Hyatt Street
- Magazine Street and Avenue L
- Avenue L and Wilson Avenue
- Ferry and Foundry Streets
- Norfolk Street
- Orange Street
- Nesbitt Street
- McClellan and Frelinghuysen Avenue, and
- Frelinghuysen Avenue and the Route 22 underpass

The Department of Public Safety is coordinating responses to burglar alarms, flooding conditions and other weather-related incidents through the combined use of Police, Fire and Office of Emergency Management Personnel. Special attention should be given to unsecured outdoor furniture, awnings, refuse and building materials. For fire safety, please utilize flashlights, instead of candles, should you lose electricity.

For non-emergency weather related issues, call: 973-733-6000. For emergencies, please dial: 911.