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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Today's Heavy Rain and Potential Thunderstorms May Produce Flooding

Newark Public Safety Director Anthony F. Ambrose reports that due to today's anticipated heavy rainfall and potential thunderstorms, many streets may be flooded and should be avoided.

Rain showers with thunderstorms, some severe, are likely after 11 a.m. Tonight, showers with severe thunderstorms and damaging winds are also possible.

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 due to this weather event.

Director Ambrose urges anyone with information about any criminal or suspicious activity to call the Department's 24-hour Crime Stopper tip line at [1-877-NWK-TIPS](tel:1-877-NWK-TIPS) ([1-877-695-8477](tel:1-877-695-8477)). All anonymous Crime Stopper tips are kept confidential and could result in a reward. Anonymous tips may also be made using the Police Division's website at: www.newarkpd.org or through our Smartphone App available at iTunes or on Google Play. Search Newark Police Division to download the App.