

# Bluffton PD at your Fingertips

RESIDENTS CAN NOW BE IN TOUCH WITH THE BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH OUR CELL PHONE APP. IT'S CALLED MYPD AND IS FREE FOR ALL IPHONE AND ANDROID USERS. LOOK FOR THE BELOW ICON IN YOUR PHONE'S APP STORE.

THE APP ALLOWS YOU TO RECEIVE VARIOUS EMERGENCY ALERTS. IT ALSO CONNECTS YOU WITH A LIST OF RESOURCES.



OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA SITES YOU CAN CONNECT WITH BLUFFTON PD:



# Important Phone Numbers

## Emergency 9-1-1

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Non-Emergency Dispatch          | 843-524-2777 |
| Bluffton Police Department      | 843-706-4550 |
| Bluffton Town Hall              | 843-706-4500 |
| Bluffton Municipal Court        | 843-706-4530 |
| Bluffton Business License       | 843-706-4501 |
| Beaufort Co. Sheriff's Office   | 843-255-3200 |
| Beaufort Co. Court              | 843-255-5057 |
| 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office | 843-255-5880 |
| Child/Adult Protective Serv.    | 843-525-7861 |
| Child Abuse Prevention          | 843-524-4350 |
| Social Services                 | 843-470-4600 |
| Bluffton Self Help              | 843-757-8000 |
| United Way of the LC            | 843-982-3040 |
| Deep Well Project               | 843-785-2849 |

*Bluffton Police Department*

*101 Progressive Street*

*Bluffton, SC 29910*

*843-706-4550*

*[www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/police-department/home](http://www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/police-department/home)*



# Hurricane Information for Businesses



THE BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CREATED THIS BROCHURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BUSINESS OWNERS IF A STORM THREATENS OR STRIKES BLUFFTON.

# Terms to Know

## HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

## HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

## TROPICAL STORM WATCH/WARNING

Take these alerts seriously. Although Tropical Storms have lower wind speeds than hurricanes, They often bring life-threatening flooding and dangerous winds. Take precautions!

## Before a Hurricane

- Sign up and register for your Re-Entry Placards. These placards will allow you and your essential employees back into Beaufort County after a disaster so your business can get back up and running for the return of Beaufort County residents. To apply for the Re-Entry Placards you must send a request on business letterhead stating how many passes you are requesting and what your emergency function/role will be in the event of a disaster. All letter requests must be sent to:  
Beaufort County Sheriff's Office  
Emergency Management Division  
2001 Duke Street  
Beaufort, SC 29902
- Review property insurance to discuss adequate hazard, flood, and business interruption insurance.
- Establish written hurricane procedures for protecting business property, its contents, and employees.
- Determine what emergency equipment and supplies are necessary, (e.g. heavy plastic sheeting, sandbags, emergency generator, storm shutters, plywood, and hand tools.)
- Check all storm water catch basins and grates to be sure they are clear of debris.
- Inspect roof and drains.
- Secure building, cover windows, anchor any equipment stored outside that could be moved by high winds,
- Inspect fire protection equipment.
- Evacuate non-essential employees.
- Walk grounds and move objects inside that could become a projectile.

## During a Hurricane

- Monitor alerts from local officials via TV, weather radio, and/or social media.
- Listen to what your local Emergency Management Department is advising.

## After a Hurricane

- Only return to the area if you and your designated employees have their Re-Entry placards. (ONLY those with these placards will be allowed to return. No other family members will be admitted.)
- Contact insurance company if damage occurred.
- Assess damage.
- Make temporary repairs to protect structure and supplies.
- Take picture of damage before any temporary repairs are made.

## Helpful Websites

**SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
**WWW.SCEMD.ORG**

**NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER**  
**WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV**

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**  
**WWW.WEATHER.GOV**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**  
**(SHELTER INFORMATION)**  
**WWW.REDCROSS.ORG**

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY**  
**MANAGEMENT AGENCY**  
**WWW.FEMA.GOV**