



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## City of Middletown

CONNECTICUT 06457

Daniel T. Drew  
MAYOR

# Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
10/29/2012

Mayor Daniel Drew has declared a State of Emergency as of October 29<sup>th</sup>. The City is going to open the Emergency shelter located at Middletown High School at LaRosa Lane on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The City is asking that anyone utilizing the shelter plan ahead and bring personal items such as feminine products, toiletries, towels, medication and medical equipment (i.e. oxygen, CPAP units, wheel chairs/walkers and glucose meters) Plan for a multiple day stay even though it may not be needed. It is also suggested that you bring pillows and blankets as supplies are limited. A cot will be provided as well as food and beverages.

Pets will be allowed in the shelter but must be in pet carriers or on leashes. Pet owners must bring a supply of food and any necessary medication for their animals.

Electrical power may be lost for several days so The American Red Cross offered the following advice to help prepare for the storm.

- Have a three-day supply of water for each person (one gallon per person per day) on hand, along with food that doesn't require refrigeration, flashlights a battery-operated radio and a first aid kit.
- Be sure to have several days supply of prescriptions that you or family members are taking.
- Make plans for pets. Have extra food on hand as well as any medications they need.
- Bring items inside that can be picked up by the wind.
- As the storm nears, turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible.
- Turn off any propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.
- Close windows and shutters.

- All home generators should be run outside with good ventilation at all times.
- Never run a combustible appliance indoors (i.e. gas grill, charcoal grill or gasoline powered heating equipment )

People should **NOT** call 911 unless there is a medical, fire, or police emergency or are in imminent danger.

Emergency Services personnel request that during the storm that you remain off the streets unless there is an emergency. This will prevent accidents and injury as well as allowing crews to respond to emergencies and begin clean up.

Please treat all downed wires as if they are live. To report a down wire, please call Middletown dispatch center at 860-347-2541. **Call 911 only if down wires poses a danger to life and property.**

The Mayor has been working with emergency management and city agencies to coordinate storm response efforts. As the storm approaches, the Mayor's Office will update City residents about the possibility of opening the Emergency Shelter.



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**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

Whereas, the Mayor does find:

1. That due to the continued impact of Hurricane Sandy, specifically the continuation of significant power outages, the City of Middletown is facing a heightened problem with traffic flow and the potential for civil unrest;
2. That due to the impact of Hurricane Sandy a condition of extreme peril to life and properties exists and thus necessitates the proclamation for a State of Emergency affecting Public Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed that an emergency now exists throughout said City of Middletown and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency, the Mayor shall exercise those powers, functions and duties prescribed by State law, the City of Middletown Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions, special acts and the City of Middletown Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency.

10/29/12

DATE:

0830

Local Time

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Mayor

Attest: Jenda Delsens



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ACTIVATION STATEMENT

Whereas, the Mayor does find that the Hurricane Emergency Operations Plan needs to be activated;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and ordered that the Emergency Operations Plan, for the Police Department, of the city of Middletown is now reactivated and all personnel are ordered to perform in accordance therewith.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that a copy of this action shall be forwarded to the State office of Emergency Management.

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0830

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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