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**Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee  
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**BCREPC Locks in Hurricane Jose Planning**

- The BCREPC Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) will activate at 8 a.m. Wednesday.
- There are no plans for Regional Emergency Shelter System activation.

**BARNSTABLE (MA) September 19, 2017** – The Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC) reviewed the latest guidance on Hurricane Jose at its Tuesday 4 p.m. conference call. The peak of the storm is predicted to hit during the day on Wednesday. While the current track of the storm takes it further away from Cape Cod, citizens should remain vigilant and ensure that all loose objects have been secured in their yards. The Barnstable County Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) will begin operations at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

**STATUS:** There are no plans at this time to activate the Regional Emergency Shelter System.

For information about preparedness and the Regional Shelter System visit the Barnstable County REPC website at [www.bcrepc.org](http://www.bcrepc.org). Follow the BCREPC on Twitter @bcrepc.

Additional information on preparedness is available from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) at [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema) or the FEMA website at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or call 2-1-1. For specific local information, citizens should contact the emergency management office in their town.

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**About the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC)**

*The BCREPC was founded in September 2002 to assist the communities on Cape Cod and the Town of Nantucket with addressing hazardous materials emergency planning and response as required by the federal government. Today, the BCREPC has expanded its scope to include “All Hazard” emergency planning issues such as storm response, sheltering and grants management. The BCREPC is a coalition of law enforcement, fire service, health care, public health, public works, EMS, military, and numerous other affiliated agencies as outlined by the Massachusetts State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). It represents the towns of Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wellfleet, and Yarmouth in Barnstable County, and the town of Nantucket in Nantucket County. The REPC is coordinated by the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment. Visit [www.bcrepc.org](http://www.bcrepc.org)*

**Barnstable County Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC)**

*The Barnstable County Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) assists Cape Cod towns during regional emergencies. The MACC serves as a clearinghouse for regional resource requests and supports the regional emergency shelter system when it is activated.*

*When regional resources are unavailable or exhausted, the MACC elevates requests for assistance to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The MACC coordinates with a number of agencies and organizations including town emergency operations centers, utility companies, healthcare facilities, regional transportation operations, the Massachusetts National Guard, the American Red Cross, the Cape Cod Citizen Corps Council, and other non-governmental organizations.*

**Barnstable County All Hazards Incident Management Team**

*The Barnstable County All Hazards Incident Management Team operates the MACC under the authority of the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee. A component of the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee, the Barnstable County All Hazards Incident Management Team was established in 2005 is composed of volunteers from both the public and private sectors. The highly trained team follows FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) standards and operates within the framework of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).*