
	County of Accomack	
	Emergency Management	
	Subject:	Chincoteague Bridge/Causeway Closure
	Effective Date:	November 1, 2010
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Purpose

To provide a consistent mechanism for notification of essential County staff in the event of a natural or man made event requiring the closure of the Chincoteague Bridge or Causeway.

Background

During 2006, the causeway was closed 2 times with various means of information dissemination and information not reaching responsible parties. A meeting was held with representatives of Chincoteague, Accomack County and VDOT to better define relationships and the notification procedure.

Procedure

When VDOT determines that conditions exist that may lead to the closure of the Chincoteague Bridge or Causeway, the following procedure shall be followed:

Notification of Emergency Officials

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall make notification to the Accomack County PSAP/Communications Center and Town of Chincoteague PSAP/911 at the following thresholds:

- 1 hour prior to potential closure
- Actual Closure
- Potential Opening Time
- Opening

Accomack County PSAP/Communications Center shall make notification to:

- (1) Accomack County Department of Public Safety Director
If unreachable or unavailable, contact the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
- (2) All Accomack County Fire and EMS units over dispatch channels

Accomack County Department of Public Safety shall make notification to:

Accomack County School Board
Accomack County Administration

Notifications to Public/Other

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall make notification and be the Point of Contact for:

- Mass Media Outlets (WESR, WVES, etc)
- Virginia Emergency Operations Center via VDOT command center
- Virginia State Police
- Accomack County Sheriff's Office