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Department assisting with Hurricane Irene recovery efforts

Inmate work crews are assisting with debris removal in Hertford and Carteret counties. So far, inmate crews from Carteret Correctional Center are assisting the Division of Marine Fisheries with tire removal on Atlantic Beach and Pasquotank Minimum Custody Unit inmates are clearing debris in Winton.

Inmates assigned to the work crews are in minimum custody, and are screened prior to being placed on jobs outside the prison facility. The inmate crews are supervised by correctional staff.

In addition, the department has provided several of its trucks to deliver supplies to Emergency Operation Centers in the eastern part of the state. They have been delivering pallets of water, roofing tarps and other items.

Local county officials requested help through the State Emergency Management, which coordinates disaster response and clean-up following natural disasters.

Note: For more information, please call Pamela Walker at 919-716-3700. We anticipate that we will be receiving more requests for assistance and we will provide updates as appropriate.

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