



*Hanover County Sheriff's Office*  
*Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff*



**News Release**

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As of this morning, there are 13 significant roadways that remain closed due to flood damage caused by Tropical Depression Gaston.

Many of these roads are crucial to the flow of traffic through our county, and unfortunately, several of the roads that would be used for alternate routes for primary arteries, are also closed due to significant damage. This has forced our residents to utilize circuitous routes of travel on secondary roads that were not designed to handle large volumes of traffic. We understand that this adds precious time to our citizens' commutes throughout the county and we ask for patience as well all pull together and persevere through this situation.

The Sheriff's Office is working with the Virginia Department of Transportation and even affected utility companies to expedite not only alternative travel, but also the prompt repair of the main arteries.

Until those repairs are made, the Sheriff's Office is committed to assisting our motoring public. Uniform deputies will be stationed at several intersections throughout the county during peak travel times to ease those burdens and facilitate a safe traffic flow. The primary locations that will be controlled include:

- Rt. 301 at Rural Point Road
- New Ashcake Road at Sliding Hill Road
- Sliding Hill Road at Peaks Road

Our citizens are asked to keep a keen eye on traffic conditions as they approach these intersections and drive with care around those officers providing traffic direction.

Fortunately, two secondary roads opened within the last 24 hours that should assist our citizens:

- Studley Road between Atlee Road and Shady Grove opened this morning, which should offer some relief to our Mechanicsville residents traveling between Rt. 301 and Rt. 360.
- Additionally, Georgetown Road is open between Windermere Drive (northern entrance to Colonial Forest) all the way to Rt. 301. Those Studley residents familiar with the area will be able to take this alternative route to northbound Rt. 301 by way of Fire Lane or Colonial Forest.

Our motorists are also reminded that on occasion, an alternative route through a neighborhood may present itself. Please take extra caution traveling such routes as our schools are now in session and children will be out and about.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call on Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6819.

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