



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



News Release

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As of this morning, there are seven roadways in Hanover County that remain closed due to flood damage caused by Tropical Depression Gaston. Since September 8th however, VDOT crews have repaired and opened eight roadways that are significant routes of travel for our citizens. We applaud VDOT on their efforts and we trust that these additional road openings will lessen the stress on our traveling public.

Since Gaston ripped through our county, citizens have shown the extra measure of care that was needed to persevere through this time of trial. Our citizens have built extra time in their travel routines, exhibited extraordinary patience in congested traffic, and even shared kind words to our deputies directing traffic.

Much of that goodwill and care has been displayed in dealing with the challenges posed by the washout of the Kersey Creek Bridge on Rt. 301. Since the day of the storm, our deputies have worked extra hours to direct traffic at key intersections along the only detour route around the damaged section of Rt. 301 to assist our residents in their travels.

Since the opening of key secondary roads, such as Studley Road and Shady Grove Road, we have monitored traffic at those affected intersections and now feel confident that traffic will flow naturally without manual traffic direction. Additionally, it is anticipated that a signaled-one lane bridge will allow traffic to flow on Rt. 301 next week.

With those additional routes in place, beginning on Monday, September 27, 2004, deputies will not be providing traffic direction at the following intersections:

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

We will continue to monitor traffic flow in these areas to ensure a safe and efficient movement of traffic. Again, we would like to thank all of our citizens for their patience and acts of gratitude expressed in the past weeks.

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

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