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Drivers Urged to Use Caution During Flash Flood Emergency

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri – Drivers are urged to use extreme caution while traveling, as numerous roads are closed throughout the county, including some major intersections in Springfield. City of Springfield is under a Flash Flood Emergency until 6:45 p.m. and under a Flash Flood Warning until 12:30 a.m. An additional 2"- 3" of rainfall is expected to fall throughout the evening hours, leading to additional widespread flooding.

The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is actively monitoring the ongoing flooding event and will keep citizens updated throughout the evening.

"We are in a very dangerous flash flooding situation right now," says Larry Woods, interim director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. "If you don't have to be out on the roads, stay home and stay safe."

Seven water rescues have been conducted in Greene County since 10:00 p.m. last night. As evening falls, water-covered roadways will be difficult to see. Drivers should ensure their headlights are in working order and allow extra travel time to get to their destinations. If approaching a road that is covered in water, turn around, don't drown and seek an alternate route.

"When motorists disregard road barricades and road closed signs, they not only endanger their own lives, but the lives of the first responders who have to rescue them. It's not worth the risk," said Woods.

Citizens can view updated flooding information by following the Office of Emergency Management on its social media platforms via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Additional flood safety tips can be found on the National Weather Service's flood safety webpage at <http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/>.

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