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**MAYOR REDD COMMENDS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL FOR  
THEIR EFFORTS DURING HURRICANE IRENE**

*Trash & Recycling Collections Remains On Schedule; Advises Residents & Businesses To  
Review Federal Disaster Assistance Resources*

**CAMDEN** – Mayor Dana L. Redd today thanked all the emergency management personnel – Department of Public Works, Police, Fire, and Administration – who worked through the weekend to ensure minimal disruptions occurred during and after Hurricane Irene passed through the region. The Mayor also advises residents that trash and recycling collections will be operating on its regular schedule.

“On behalf of the residents of Camden, I want to thank our emergency management personnel – who worked this weekend to ensure the safety of our City and residents was not compromised during the hurricane,” Mayor Redd said. “Because of our preparations, we were ready to handle the typical issues that municipalities throughout the state grappled with, such as flooding, loss of electricity, and down power lines and trees. We will continue to work on assessing our neighborhoods for damages caused by the storm and will apply for any federal and state aid once it is available.”

While the City experienced several street closures due to flooding and debris from Hurricane Irene, the City’s Department of Public Works (DPW) crews have cleared all the major roads. DPW crews will continue to remove trees or branches on secondary roads that were knocked down due to the excessive winds. Though sections of the Cramer Hill neighborhood experienced prolonged loss of electricity since Saturday, PSE&G has restored power as of approximately 9:00 p.m. last night (Sunday, August 28, 2011). Several individual streets, homes, or businesses may still have no electricity due to down electrical wires. We will continue to work with PSE&G to restore electricity to the affected homes and businesses.

As the City, residents, and businesses continue to assess the damages caused by Hurricane Irene, Mayor Redd advises residents and businesses to begin categorizing their losses and review federal disaster assistance resources available to them at [www.disasterassistance.gov/home](http://www.disasterassistance.gov/home).

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Mayor Redd and Emergency Management personnel held hurricane preparation meetings and discussions beginning Thursday, August 25, 2011. The Mayor mobilized command centers and issued an emergency declaration for the City on Saturday, August 27, 2011. The emergency declaration was suspended as of 8:00 a.m. today, August 29, 2011. By issuing a proclamation of local disaster emergency, the City of Camden will be eligible for State and federal disaster relief funds once they are made available. The President of the United States and the Governor of New Jersey both issued a declaration of emergency for the State of New Jersey.

Emergency shelters were opened at Malandra Hall Community Center and Isabel Miller Community Center on Saturday, August 27, for those who needed shelter from the hurricane. The Mayor and Emergency Management personnel remained at the command centers throughout most of the weekend to assist residents in need and to evaluate and assess the impact of Hurricane Irene.

“I also want to thank our residents for their patience and cooperation throughout the duration of the hurricane,” Mayor Redd said. “Residents adhered to our calls asking them to remain indoors as Hurricane Irene passed by our region, and thankfully, we did not experience any major injuries.”

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