Flooding worsens in Arkansas

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR – The State Emergency Operations Center activated at Level 2 (limited operation) at 8 A.M. to respond to flooding in regions of Southwest Arkansas and areas along the Arkansas River. Governor Hutchinson said, “We are concerned with additional risks since the level of the water is continuing to rise in areas already affected.”

Citizens are encouraged to remember not to drive into flooded areas or onto flooded roads. The depth of the water is not always apparent and it only takes about a foot of water to float many vehicles. Turn around, don’t drown!

Currently the counties declared by Governor Hutchinson include: Chicot, Crawford, Faulkner, Franklin, Garland, Hempstead, Howard, Independence, Izard, Johnson, Lafayette, Little River, Logan, Madison, Marion, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Pope, Searcy, Sevier, Scott and Yell.

Please check our Facebook and Twitter (AR_Emergencies) for updates. We are using #ARflood2015 to track social media activity. NWS Little Rock has a map of flooding conditions that can be found here. As always please track traffic conditions via iDrive Arkansas.

*The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) is the state's homeland security and preparedness agency. The agency works to identify and lessen the effects of emergencies, disasters and threats to Arkansas by developing effective prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery actions for all disasters and emergencies. For additional information, contact ADEM at (501) 683-6700 or visit the website at www.adem.arkansas.gov.*

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