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Calvert County Commissioners Notify Residents about Bridge Restrictions *Wind Warnings and Restrictions Planned*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 28, 2012 – The Calvert County Commissioners draw attention to wind restrictions that will be in place for all Maryland bridge traffic during Hurricane Sandy. Wind warnings and restriction will be implemented as outlined below:

Wind Warnings

- Sustained wind speeds or wind gusts of 30-39 mph.
- Operators of house trailers, box trailers, motorcycles, vehicles with roof-mount racks containing cargo or any other vehicle that may be subject to high winds are advised to use caution while traveling across the bridge.

Wind Restriction I

- Sustained wind speeds or wind gusts of 40-49 mph.
- House trailers, empty box trailers or any vehicle that, in the opinion of law-enforcement personnel, may not safely cross the bridge will be prohibited from traveling the bridge. Motorists who are denied passage will be assisted with safely turning around.

Wind Restriction II

- Sustained wind speeds or wind gusts exceeding 50 mph.
- Only automobiles, pickup trucks, flatbed trailers, commercial buses and heavy-laden tractor/trailers are permitted to cross the bridge. Tractor-box trailer combinations will not be permitted to cross any bridge if the gross weight is less than 64,000 pounds.

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Traffic Holds/Bridge Closure

- Sustained wind speeds or wind gusts exceeding 55 mph.
- In the event of a sudden increase of sustained wind speeds or wind gusts that could jeopardize life or property, the Maryland Transportation Authority may elect to discontinue the movement of traffic across the bridge.

The county has established rumor control numbers and can be reached at 410-535-0396 or 410-535-0314. These lines will be staffed until the immediate event passes. During regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), call 410-535-1600, ext. 2638. Questions or requests for information can also be sent by email to oem@co.cal.md.us. Visit the Calvert County Government website at www.co.cal.md.us for updates.

Further hurricane preparedness information is available through the Maryland Emergency Management Agency online at www.mema.state.md.us. For the most up-to-date forecasts on the track of Hurricane Sandy, visit the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.