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Mass Evacuation: Dare County, North Carolina's Outreach through Real Estate Agents

PRACTICE

Dare County Emergency Management has partnered with the Outer Banks Association of Realtors to inform new property owners of their eligibility to receive evacuation reentry permits.

DESCRIPTION

Dare County, North Carolina, uses pre-distributed permits to support the phased reentry of an evacuated population back into the county. All Dare County property owners are eligible to receive evacuation reentry permits. Long-time county property owners have experienced multiple hurricane evacuations and are well aware of the county's reentry permit program. On the other hand, many new property owners come from states that do not experience regular hurricanes and are unfamiliar with evacuation reentry operations. These new property owners are responsible for contacting Dare County Emergency Management to request their reentry permits.

Dare County Emergency Management has partnered with the Outer Banks Association of Realtors to encourage new property owners to register for reentry permits. When newcomers purchase property in Dare County, their real estate agents now inform them of their eligibility for a reentry permit and provide them with contact information for Dare County Emergency Management. This partnership between county emergency management officials and real estate agents has proven extremely effective in educating new property owners on reentry operations.

For more information on Dare County's reentry permit system, please see the *Lessons Learned Information Sharing* Good Story, "[Dare County, North Carolina's Post-Evacuation Reentry Permits.](#)"

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