

Today the 17th was Henrico's day to deal with Florence. Florence was located at Lat. 39 North Long 81west in western West Virginia but we were on the east side of the storm that generated a string of thunderstorms that trained over our area. We were in the warning cone for tornadoes twice and on the edge of the 3rd. My daughter-in-law had just gotten home from school and soon found they were in a tornado warning cone. The NWS even mentioned their street as being in the path of a tornado. They were in the downstairs bathroom with couch cushions and a flashlight in case the power went out. I was concerned as it was the most tornado activity in this area since Hurricane Ivan in 2004. We got torrential rains and had 3.03 inches and a lot of heavy lightning and very loud thunder but we didn't see any funnel clouds or tornadoes here luckily. A music teacher thought she heard the winds of a funnel just east of granddaughter's school a little after 3 PM. The tornado on Hull Street SW of us was at least a F2 and one person was killed. Henrico Schools kept the children until 8PM as it wasn't safe to be on the roads. As of September 18, 2018 Springfield Park had 7.39 inches of rain.

I found out that many of the North Topsail beach dunes are washed into the road. The metal canopy over the BP station where we bought gas this summer was blown down. It is going to cost a lot to get Topsail back in shape. I know they will retire Florence's name as she really tore up Wilmington. The wet ground with more than 26.58-inches of rain caused many trees to be uprooted. This morning they couldn't find an open road into Wilmington, NC. NC is really a mess even route 95 is closed in several places because of flooding and they said it would still be days before the water level would let them open the road.

We had our American Meteorology Society meeting on Sunday and the talk was on the Petersburg F4 tornado, the strongest on record in VA, on August 6, 1993. The September 17, 2018 tornado outbreak in Virginia was the worst since September 17, 2004 when the remnants of Hurricane Ivan went through Virginia.

Tornado damage



Trees down on a home on Weldon Drive.
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One killed as tornadoes rip through the F region

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Chesterfield Fire & EMS



Tornado damage



The part of the building collapsed on a vehicle on Speeks Road in Chesterfield on Monday, September 17, 2018.

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Storm damage



Firefighters inspect tornado damages at businesses on Speeks Road in Chesterfield on Monday, September 17, 2018.

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