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## **PUBLIC ADVISORY #14**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018**

**3:25 P.M.**

### ***FLASH FLOODING REPORTED ON THE EAST/WEST CORRIDOR***

As a result of heavy rainfall occurring this afternoon, **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018**, the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) has received reports of flash flooding along the East/West Corridor in the following areas:

- The Maritime Plaza, Barataria
- The Priority Bus Route in the vicinity of Morvant Junction
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Barataria

**The NEOC wishes to advise all persons to shelter in place until the flood waters subside. Avoid intentionally walking or driving through flood waters. Citizens should seek alternative routes where possible or delay travel for approximately 1 – 2 hours (if possible). This will reduce traffic congestion, stress and personal risk.**

#### **Citizens are advised of the following safety tips:**

1. After heavy rainfall, stay inside until water levels have subsided;
2. Do not walk, play or drive through flood waters of unknown depth and current;
3. If you must walk through a flood, use a stick to determine the firmness of the ground as well as the depth of the water in front of you.
4. Be cautious when walking /driving along hillsides or landslide-prone areas.

If impacted by the adverse weather, please contact your Municipal Corporation or the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) through its toll-free hotline numbers.

Citizens should continue to monitor the website and social media profiles of the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service and the ODPM for weather forecasts, alerts, warnings and cancellations. Visit [www.metoffice.gov.tt](http://www.metoffice.gov.tt) or [www.odpm.gov.tt](http://www.odpm.gov.tt).

The ODPM reminds all citizens if impacted by the inclement weather to contact your Municipal Corporation or the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) through its toll-free hotline numbers.

**WE WISH TO UNDERSCORE THAT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IS NOT CURRENTLY UNDER ANY TROPICAL STORM OR HURRICANE THREAT, WATCH OR WARNING.**

## ATTACHMENT

**The Municipal Corporations' Disaster Management Unit and the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) Hotline numbers are as follows:**

Name of Corporation/Agency	Hotline Numbers
Arima Borough Corporation	800-2ABC (2222)
Chaguanas Borough Corporation	800-DCBC (3222)
Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation	800-CTTC (2882)
Diego Martin Regional Corporation	800-DMRC (3672)
Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation	800-4MRC (4672)
Penal/Debe Regional Corporation	800-PDRC (7372)
Point Fortin Borough Corporation	800-PFCB (7322)
Port-of-Spain City Corporation	800-PSCC (7722)
Princes Town Regional Corporation	800-PTRC (7872)
San Fernando City Corporation	800-SCDU (7238)
Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	800-SGRC (7472)
San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation	800-SLRC (7572)
Siparia Regional Corporation	800-4SRC (4772)
Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation	800-TPRC (8772)
Tobago Emergency Management Agency	211

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*ODPM's Customer Call Centre 511/ TEMA's Hotline 211*