State Launches ReadyNC App For Emergency Planning and Response

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Whether it's a traffic emergency or a severe storm headed toward North Carolina, Tar Heels have a new way to ensure they're prepared for the worst. It's called the ReadyNC App and it is available for free, according to Public Safety Secretary Frank L. Perry.

The app is available now in the AppStore for iPhones and Google Play for Android devices. It is not intended to replace 9-1-1.   "We've seen countless examples across the country and here in our own state that remind us that those who are prepared ahead of time fare better during disasters," said Secretary Perry in a statement announcing the new app. "This simple app will help each family do just that."

The new app can provide a variety of data:

-- real-time traffic and weather information

--critical information on how to be safe during different hazardous events

-- real-time information about opened shelters for evacuees (including addresses, capacity, directions and if the shelter is pet-friendly)

-- real-time updates on flood levels of major nearby creeks and rivers

-- phone numbers and links to all North Carolina power companies to report outages

-- basic instructions on how to develop emergency plans and what to put in your emergency supplies kit

-- real-time information on which counties have issued evacuation orders

-- contact numbers and links to websites for those who need help recovering from a disaster

direct links to the ReadyNC.org and NCDPS.gov websites and social media accounts