



Pender County Situation Report #4
March 2020 Event
March 14, 2020

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1. Incident Name March 2020 Event	2. Operational Period (Date / Time) 03/11/2020 – Ongoing. Monitoring Status	3. Date Prepared: 03/14/2020	4. Report No: 04
5. Type of Incident: Pandemic and Fire			
6. Declaration Information:			
Date Issued	Declaration	Remarks	
03/10/2020	State of Emergency issued by Governor Roy Cooper	North Carolina Emergency Operations Center has been activated.	
03/11/2020	Pandemic	The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.	
03/13/2020	National Emergency	President Trump declared a national emergency to open access to up to \$50 billion for states and territories.	
7. Current Situation: Pender County continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and the Tram Road/Grassy Road fire.			
<p>Pandemic: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services made statewide recommendations to minimize the spread of COVID-19: high risk people (those over 65, with underlying health conditions, or with compromised immune systems) should avoid large congregations, sick people should not attend mass gathering events, and travelers returning from COVID-19 impacted areas should follow these DHHS steps: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina/coronavirus. Additionally, the Governor has recommended gatherings of more than 100 people be canceled.</p> <p>Tram Road/Grassy Road Fire: NC Forest Service Crews, Pender Fire & EMS, and Pender County Emergency Management are on site actively working the fire. Currently there are 1 EM staff, 3 EMS staff, 48 Forest Service Crew, 1 helicopter, and 2 planes working the fire. Fire burned approximately 15 acres overnight within the containment lines. Based on clear skies and low humidity today, continued burning is expected. Evening system expected to bring ½ inch of rain expected to greatly reduce fire threat over the next few days.</p>			
8a. Fatalities in Pender County: 0			
8b. Hospitalizations in Pender County: 0			
8c. Reported COVID-19 Cases in NC: 17			
9. Quarantine Status: NA			
10. Threats to Human Life: Minimal			
11. Threats to Structures: Structures along the US 17 corridor from Shepards Road to Pinnacle Parkway are being monitored to ensure the risk of the Tram Road/Grassy Road fire spreading to these areas is minimized.			
12. Threats or Disruptions to Infrastructure: Minimal threat to urban rural interface.			
13. Critical Resource Needs: Masks and Tyvek suits have been requested through WebEOC. The county is awaiting response from the state.			
14. External Affairs:			
<p>Pandemic: Pender County schools have canceled or postponed all field trips, athletic events, and extracurricular activities until advised by state officials that it is safe to resume.</p> <p>Fire: Press release disseminated in the evening of Friday, March 13. NC Forestry Service, Pender EMS & Fire, and Pender County Emergency Management are all on site working the fire.</p>			
15. County Action: Pender County Emergency Management and Health Department are in a monitoring status regarding COVID-19. Pender EMS & Fire and Pender County Emergency Management are actively responding to the Grassy Road/Tram Road fire.			

3/11: EM has conducted a conference call with municipal representatives, posted an RFP for an update to the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and the Continuity of Government (COG) Plan, and is continuously cleaning county facilities.

3/12: EM has requested resources from the state. The county created a conference call line. County staff participated in the Governor's conference call at 5pm. County distributed a JotForm to update employee information. **Initiated incident command structure in response to Tram Road/Grassy Road fire.**

3/13: **Staff is developing a protective action plan for the Tram Road/Grassy Road fire.** Staff participated in an 11am call with department heads regarding the pandemic. Staff is developing an Incident Action Plan for the pandemic. Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting at 1pm via telephone to discuss the fire and the pandemic. County Health Department staff met with Pender County Board of Education regarding COVID-19.

3/14: Department heads conducting conference call at 11am.

16. Other Notes, Issues or Additional Remarks: 5 countries with sustained community transmission: China, Iran, Italy, Japan & South Korea.

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