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**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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**Alabama Emergency Management Agency Encourages Residents and Motorists to Prepare for Severe Weather and Heavy Rains Today**

**Clanton-**The National Weather Service is predicting the threat of severe weather and heavy rains through Wednesday night for much of Alabama. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency will monitor weather conditions until the threat has diminished. Governor Bentley has been briefed. State Agencies will be ready to respond, if needed. Citizens should also be prepared.

It is important for residents and travelers to be prepared and alert during this time. Make sure your disaster supply kit is ready, especially in your vehicle. Travelers should watch for standing water and flooded roads. Do not attempt to cross flooded roads. Travelers should use extra caution and allow extra time to get to your destination. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) has already increased patrols to help protect the lives and promote the safety of motorists this holiday season. Officers will also be monitoring roadways for hazardous conditions and stranded motorists. Always reduce speed and move over for emergency vehicles on the side of the roadway.

It is important to stay “weather aware”. For the latest weather conditions tune to local media or visit [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov). Please report any storm damage to your Local EMA.