

SITUATION REPORT New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions (NJHCC)		
<b>Situation Report Number: #1</b>		
<b>Incident Name: Jones Road Wildfire</b>		
<b>Incident Number: 0002</b>		
<b>Emergency Proclamations/Declarations: State of Emergency (SOE) for Ocean County, NJ declared by Lt. Governor Tahesha Way as of approximately 0938 Hours/04-23-2025</b>		
<b>Coalition EOC Status: Partially Activated</b>		
<b>Leads or Incident Commanders: Ryan Cassidy, Incident Commander</b>		
<b>Date:</b> 04/23/2025	<b>Time:</b> 1030 Hrs	<p>Situation reports will be released <b>Daily</b> at approximately <b>1200 Hrs</b> until the event's <b>conclusion</b>.</p> <p><b>Red</b> text reflects new or updated information.</p>
<u><b>Key Updates</b></u>		
<b>Health Advisories/Orders</b>	<p><b>New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has declared an air quality day of action for four (4) counties, including: until 0000 hours/04-24-2025. Impacted Counties: Ocean County, Atlantic County, Cape May County, Burlington County</b></p>	
<b>Policy Changes</b>	<p><b>State of Emergency (SOE) for Ocean County, NJ declared by Lt. Governor Tahesha Way as of approximately 0938 Hours/04-23-2025</b></p>	
<b>Announcements &amp; Featured Media</b>	<p><b>Please see the media updates shared from the below involved in this response:</b></p> <p><b>State of Emergency (SOE) for Ocean County, NJ declared by Acting Governor Tahesha Way as of approximately 0938 Hours/04-23-2025</b></p> <p><b>New Jersey Forest Fire Service (NJFFS) – Approximately 2245 Hours, 04/22/2025 via NJFFS' Social Media Pages: <a href="#">Click Here</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Below is NJFFS' most recent update posted to their social media pages.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WILDFIRE UPDATE: Jones Road Wildfire - Ocean &amp; Lacey Townships, Ocean County</b></li> <li>• <b>New Jersey Forest Fire Service remains on scene of a wildfire burning in Ocean &amp; Lacey Townships, Ocean County.</b></li> <li>• <b>SIZE &amp; CONTAINMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8,500 acres</li> <li>○ 10% contained</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>STRUCTURES THREATENED</b></li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approximately 1,320 structures threatened</li> <li>○ Approximately 3,000 residents evacuated</li> <li>○ Damage assessments underway.</li> <li>○ Multiple evacuation shelters have been established. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Southern Regional High School is open to evacuees with pets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>ROADS AFFECTED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rt. 532 (Wells Mills Road) between Rt. 72 and the Garden State Parkway</li> <li>○ Bryant Road is closed between Wells Mills Road (Rt. 532) and Rt. 539</li> <li>○ Jones Road is closed between Rt. 532 and Bryant Road</li> <li>○ <del>Garden State Parkway (GSP) is closed between Barnegat Road and Lacey Road</del> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As of approximately 0712 Hours (04/23/2025) the GSP has reopened in both directions</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <del>Closures on Rt. 9 from Lakeside Drive to Rt. 532 (both directions).</del> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As of approximately 0712 Hours (04/23/2025) the Rt. 9 has reopened in both directions</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Closures on secondary and tertiary roadways</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>RESOURCES DEPLOYED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Forest Fire Service fire engines, bulldozers and ground crews</li> <li>○ Numerous local fire, rescue, county and state cooperators</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>FIRE CAUSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under investigation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>NEXT UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approximately 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Mandatory and Voluntary Evacuations Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evacuation orders have been lifted by Ocean and Lacey Townships (Twp./Twps.) per their respective Police Department's via the <a href="#">Associated Press</a> (AP) and other news outlets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Priorities for Current Operational Period</b></p>	<p>The priority is to ensure that all members of the New Jersey healthcare continuum are operating without any major challenges caused by this wildfire. This will be achieved by continuing to actively engage with verified intelligence, healthcare stakeholder feedback and response via survey tools, and conducting outreach to potentially impacted agencies in a timely manner.</p> <p>Additionally, the NJHA EM Team will make updating Juvare eICS a priority in an effort to maintain accurate record keeping for an after-action report/improvement plan.</p>
<p><b>Completed Activities Since Last Operational Period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Surveilled for potential healthcare facility impacts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As of 1850 (04/22/2025), two (2) facilities are in an area of concern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 Assisted Living</li> <li>▪ 1 Rehab/SNF</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Both facilities have been relayed to the Healthcare Association of New Jersey (HCANJ) EM Staff</li> <li>○ At approximately 1845 Hours (04/22/2025), HMM Southern Ocean was contacted and confirmed no impacts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At approximately 2229 Hours (04/22/2025) RWJ Community Medical Center was contacted and noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community MC activated their EOC</li> <li>• Community MC has teams on site of the fire</li> <li>• They're anticipating an influx of patients and staffing issues</li> <li>• They are not going on divert at this time but are open to it if the situation worsens</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Continued surveillance operations ongoing</li> <li>• Healthcare Trade Association contacts were engaged in on the situation and are aware of NJHA EM Team actions at approximately 1841 Hours/04-22-2025</li> <li>• Draft messaging relayed to NJHCC EM Team and EM Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pending final approval</li> <li>○ Target Audience: Central HCC Members and Central HCC Acute Care</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Resource messaging shared with Central HCC and Central HCC Acute Care EM Roster at approximately 1900 Hours (04/22/2025)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Future Activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NJHA EM Team situation briefing will take place at approximately 0800 hours at 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ 08540 – EM Team POD (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)</li> <li>• 1200 situation re-assessment and considerations of escalation or de-escalation based on verified intelligence</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Other Essential Information</b></p>	<p><b>Weather/hazard forecasts:</b> Per the National Weather Service (NWS) no adverse weather events have been noted as of 1000 Hours (04/23/2025).</p> <p><b>Critical infrastructure impacts:</b> As noted above, thousands of residential and commercial structures are presently threatened.</p> <p>Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&amp;L/JCPL) as of 1800 Hours (04/22/2025) has intentionally de-energized lines originating from the Oyster Creek substation at the request of the NJFFS to ensure firefighter safety. Crews will be working around the clock to restore power when possible. At this time, approximately 25,000 residents are impacted by this utility cut.</p> <p><b>Population evacuation statistics:</b> Residential (non-healthcare stakeholder communities) have undergone mandatory and voluntary evacuations with shelters being established at two (2) local area high schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manchester Township High School - 101 Hawks Wy, Manchester Township, NJ, 08759, Lat: 40.00514, Long:-74.30990</li> <li>• Southern Regional School District: 11/12 - 90 Cedar Bridge Rd, Stafford Township, NJ, 08050, Lat: 39.71232, Long:-74.25406</li> </ul> <p><b>Ingress and egress routes information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rt. 532 (Wells Mills Road) between Rt. 72 and the Garden State Parkway</li> <li>• Bryant Road is closed between Wells Mills Road (Rt. 532) and Rt. 539</li> <li>• Jones Road is closed between Rt. 532 and Bryant Road</li> <li>• <del>Garden State Parkway is closed between Barnegat Road and Lacey Road</del></li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Damage assessments:</b> Cost impacts from this event have begun to be gathered, additional and more in-depth assessments will likely be conducted following the response phase.</p>
	<p><b>Agricultural impact:</b> N/A</p>
	<p><b>Wildlife impacts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SIZE &amp; CONTAINMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8,500 acres</li> <li>○ 10% contained</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>STRUCTURES THREATENED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approximately 1,320 structures threatened</li> <li>○ Approximately 3,000 residents evacuated</li> <li>○ Damage assessments underway.</li> <li>○ Multiple evacuation shelters have been established.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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[In the “Data Source” column, populate the appropriate data sources that can be used to collect the recommended information. This column is for internal reference only and should be deleted prior to publishing the situation report.]

Community Public Health & Medical Impacts		Data Source
<b>Public Health System Status</b>	<p><b>Minimal Impact:</b> No formal outreach beyond making NJACCHO’s representative aware of the NJHCC’s actions has taken place in regard to public health assessment.</p>	N/A
<b>Health Care System Status</b>	<p><b>Medium Impact:</b> In regard to the Central HCC Region, there are concerns surrounding the potential for staff outages and patient surge events as evacuations proceed.</p>	NJHA EM Team outreach to potentially impacted facilities

<p><b>Hospitals on divert</b></p>	<p>There are three (3) Acute Care facilities on Active Emergency Operations Center (EOC) diverts. Two (2) of the active EOCs are unrelated to the Jones Road Wildfire, one (1) EOC is related to the wildfire.</p> <p>There are zero (0) facilities on a Facility Divert. There are two (2) Acute Care facilities (one (1) hospital and one (1) Standing Emergency Department (SED) on Specialty diverts (Surgical Divert) and Other (CT Scanner Down) diverts, respectively.</p> <p>There is one (1) facility with a Facility Status of Compromised. This information is accurate as of 0950 hours/04-23-2025. This facility indicating a compromised status is unrelated to the Jones Road Wildfire.</p>	<p>Juvara EMResource &amp; Direct Contact with Acute Care Emergency Management Staff</p>
<p><b>Long term care facilities impacted</b></p>	<p>Minimal Impact: Two (2) assisted living/SNF/LTCs are within the area of concern – additionally, one (1) SNF has noted that a backup generator has been activated as a result of a power outage.</p> <p>NJHCC EM Staff have confirmed as of 0930 hours/04-23-2025, the backup generator at Barnegat Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is still operating without incident. The facility remains without primary-sourced power.</p>	<p>HCANJ EM Staff</p>
<p><b>Healthcare provider availability</b></p>	<p><b>Emergency Departments:</b> Concerns surrounding staffing and potential for a higher than typical patient arrival at RWJBH Community Medical Center and other area hospitals as evacuations continue.</p> <p><b>EMS:</b> No identified availability challenges at this time.</p> <p><b>Dialysis Centers</b> No identified availability challenges at this time.</p>	<p>RWJBH Community Medical Center Staff</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>

Mortuary services impacts	Medical examiner: <b>No identified challenges at this time.</b>	N/A
	Funeral homes: <b>No identified challenges at this time.</b>	N/A
	Transportation and storage: <b>No identified availability challenges at this time.</b>	N/A
Environmental Health Impacts	Environmental Health Inspections/Re-inspections: <b>No identified challenges at this time.</b>	N/A
	Water Advisories: <b>No identified challenges at this time.</b>	N/A
	Air Quality Advisories: NJDEP has issued an air quality action day for the following counties, until 0000 hours/04-24-2025. <b>Impacted Counties:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean County</li> <li>• Atlantic County</li> <li>• Cape May County</li> <li>• Burlington County</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.AirNow.Gov">www.AirNow.Gov</a>
Supply Chain Impacts	<b>No identified availability challenges at this time.</b>	N/A
Epidemiology Data	Case definition: <b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Demographics: <b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Epidemiological Curve: <b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Number of emergency department visits: <b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Number of hospitalizations: <b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Number of deaths: <b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Emerging Threats/Issues	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Populations most at-risk of negative health impacts	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Number of staff affected	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>Number of staff activated</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Community partnership being leveraged</b>	<b>The partnerships between NJHA, NJHCC, NJDOH, NJFFS, and the several healthcare associations are being leveraged to gather information and gauge overall local and regional impacts to this event.</b>	<b>N/A</b>