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## **Flash Flood Warning Issued: Numerous Darien Roads Flooded and Impassable**

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Numerous Darien roads are flooded and impassable, Darien police say, as the National Weather Service issues another Flash Flood Warning.

"We are in the process of removing occupants from flooded vehicles," police said in a Facebook post. "Please avoid areas of small streams and rivers and do not drive if not necessary."

At 9:22 a.m., Darien police sent out this message by email:

"The Darien Police Department is urging all residents to avoid travel. Numerous roads are flooded and impassable. We are in the process of removing occupants from flooded vehicles. Please avoid areas of small streams and rivers and do not drive if not necessary."

According to a CodeRed alert emailed at 9:02 a.m., the Flash Flood Warning from the weather service, in effect until 11:45 a.m. in areas including southern Fairfield County, said:

"Between 1 and 2 inches of rain have fallen. The expected rainfall rate is 1 to 1.5 inches in 1 hour. Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 2 inches are possible in the warned area. Flash flooding is already occurring in some locations. [...]"

The rains could create "flash flooding of small creeks and streams, urban areas, highways, streets and underpasses as well as other poor drainage and low-lying areas."

The weather service recommends various precautions, mostly involving not driving through flooded areas:

"Turn around, don't drown when encountering flooded roads. Most flood deaths occur in vehicles. Excessive runoff from heavy rainfall will cause flooding of urban areas, highways, streets and underpasses as well as other drainage areas and low lying spots. Stay away or be swept away. River banks and culverts can become unstable and unsafe."