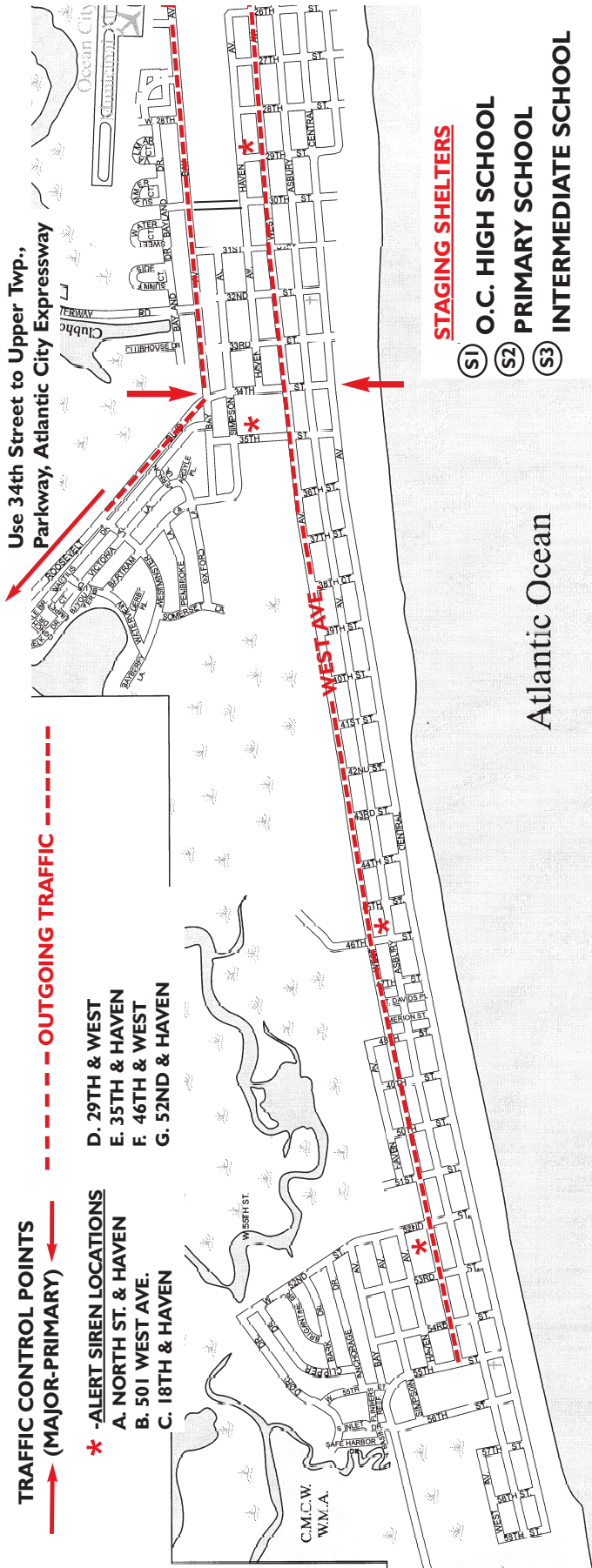


# EVACUATION ROUTE



## Ocean City's evacuation plan to get off the island: Leave early

When you know a major storm is approaching this barrier island, the best choice is to leave early. Avoid the crush of evacuees who wait until the last moment. The last-minute rush is what will clog the roads and make the late evacuation in south Jersey a problem.

It is imperative that when the official recommendation to voluntarily evacuate your area is given to heed this warning.

**DON'T WAIT TO EVACUATE. IT MAY BE TOO LATE!**

In the event of an impending natural disaster, the following procedures for municipal evacuation should be employed. The evacuation of the City of Ocean City will be in direct control of the Office of Emergency Management and law enforcement personnel of the Ocean City Police Department.

Know the routes off this island



### ONLY TWO EVACUATION ROUTES

During an evacuation of the city we recognize that there are only two bonafide evacuation routes:

**A. 9th Street Bridge into Somers Point to the Somers Point toll plaza of the Garden State Parkway (Exit 30).**

**B. 34th Street Bridge along Roosevelt Boulevard to the Garden State Parkway entrance (Exit 25).**

The reason for the use of these evacuation routes is due to their direct proximity to the Garden State Parkway and the westbound Atlantic City Expressway arteries.

Thanks to modern detection and tracking devices, the National Weather Service can usually provide your local Office of Emergency Management with at least 72 hours of advanced warning of an impending

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# Evacuation

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tropical storm or hurricane. Although this may be the case, LEAVE EARLY from low lying beach areas that may be swept by high tides or storm waves. BE AWARE that some areas may be flooded long before the arrival of the storm. Your evacuation may be further complicated by the fact that the density of population of some areas makes it mathematically impossible for the few roads to accommodate everyone within one day.

## DON'T GET CAUGHT BY A HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM IN YOUR CAR ON THE OPEN ROAD.

Hurricane Floyd (1999) demonstrated the need to have a better system in place to deliver emergency information to residents before they left home, while on the evacuation routes, while in shelters, and finally, when it was time to return to their homes. Floyd also demonstrated the need to have the availability of public shelters made known to the evacuating population through various means. We believe we are meeting the public's need for advanced emergency information through this Hurricane Preparedness Guide, so you can take the appropriate action at the appropriate time, well before the call to evacuate is made.

If local government, Ocean City Emergency Management personnel advise you to evacuate your area, DO SO IMMEDIATELY. DON'T WAIT OR IT MAY BE TOO LATE!

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This hurricane information has been prepared and provided courtesy of the Ocean City Office of Emergency Management, city administration, and emergency resource groups. If you have any questions concerning any information please contact the Ocean City Office of Emergency Management at (609) 399-6111 or the Ocean City Police Department at (609) 399-9111.

The New Jersey State Department of Transportation, U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers and the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management have been conducting regional hurricane evacuation studies.

These studies have historically provided each county emergency management official with specific data to allow for the development of operational plans for evacuations, and other emergency management functions.

They also determine the number of residents living in surge areas that are vulnerable to storm surge. A statistical sampling of this population has determined their predicted behavioral patterns, in terms of evacuation. This assists emergency management planners to know how many people will be required to evacuate, and where they will go, either to a public shelter or to the home of a friend or relative.

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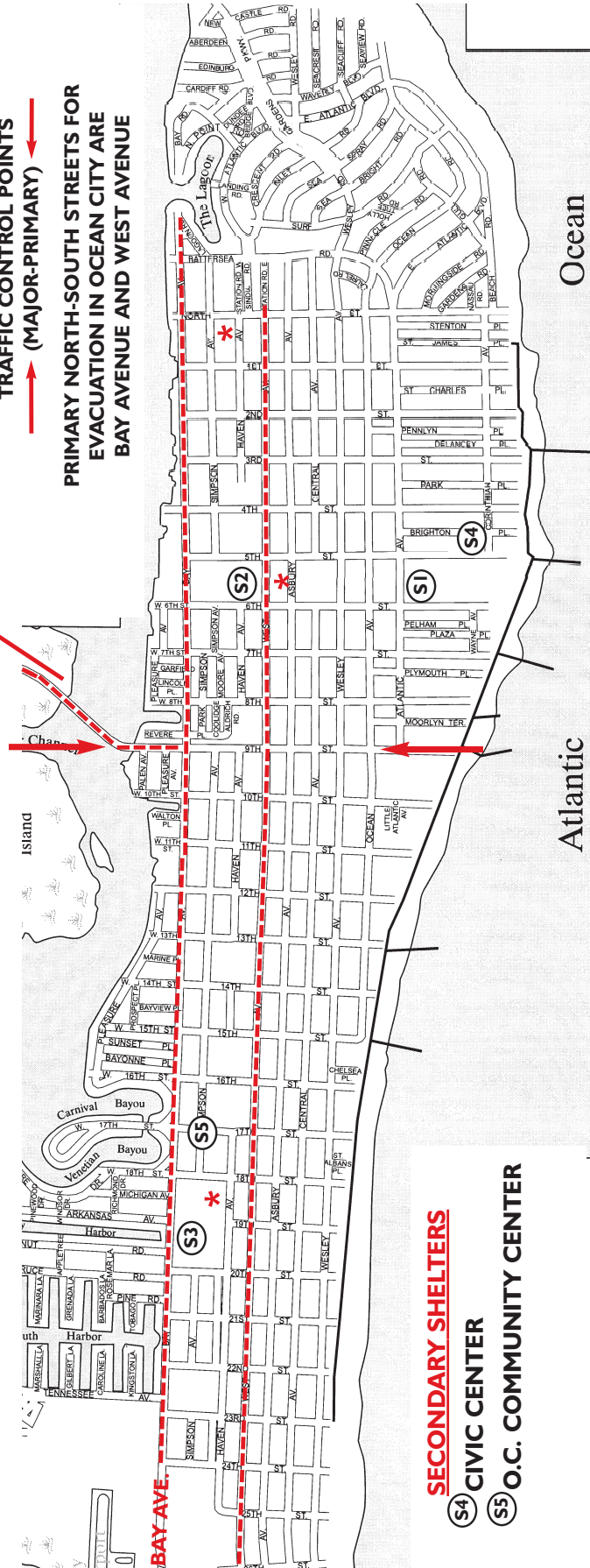
Use 9th Street Causeway to Somers Point, Garden State Parkway, Atlantic City Expressway

**USE 34TH STREET OR 9TH STREET CAUSEWAY TO LEAVE OCEAN CITY DURING EVACUATIONS**

--- OUTGOING TRAFFIC

TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS (MAJOR-PRIMARY)

PRIMARY NORTH-SOUTH STREETS FOR EVACUATION IN OCEAN CITY ARE BAY AVENUE AND WEST AVENUE



**SECONDARY SHELTERS**  
 (S4) CIVIC CENTER  
 (S5) O.C. COMMUNITY CENTER