

Suncook River cause of minor flooding

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ALLENSTOWN – The town has opened an Emergency Operations Center this morning as a precaution due to moderate flooding.

Police Chief Shaun Mulholland said a flash flood occurred overnight on Mt. Delight Road, causing it to shut down. Minor flooding has occurred near the Suncook River on Riverside Drive and Albin Avenue, he said.

Some families have evacuated as a precaution but no one is required to evacuate, he said.

"The water levels are going down up there" in North Chichester, where the Suncook River is measured, Mulholland said. "It usually takes a couple hours for it to drop down here."

According to the National Weather Service, the river at North Chichester reached 12.29 feet about 8 a.m. today, which is just above the moderate flooding stage of 12 feet. Right now should be the high point, however, as the water is expected to recede this afternoon.

The fire department has gone door-to-door checking on residents in flood-prone areas.

Riverside Drive resident Evelyn Bernard said both ends of her road are under some water, but residents can access Route 28 by Jilleric Road.

Some of Bernard's neighbors have experienced basement flooding.

"It's bad, but it's been worse," Bernard said. "I'm an old timer. So for me, it's 'Here we go again.'"