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Cadets gather during a controlled burn of some abandoned houses on Parkgrace Road in Kings Mountain on Aug. 9.

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Albemarle provides vacant properties to be used for fire, police training

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Firefighting students from Cleveland Community College had a unique opportunity to experience real-life scenarios in a series of houses in Kings Mountain to prepare them for a career in fighting fires.

At a vacant house on Parkgrace Road in Kings Mountain on Aug. 9, cadets completed training, setting the building on fire and doing a controlled burn. The

house is one of around 50 owned by Albemarle Corp. and slated for demolition. Some students participated in fire investigations. Fires are set in the home and extinguished, and the students go into the building to determine ignition points and causes.

The structures are being used for a variety of first responder training exercises before they're torn down.

Richard Carroll, fire protection program coordinator and instructor for

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Cadet Leemichael Strange hoses down a fire engine to keep it cool during a controlled burn of some abandoned houses on Parkgrace Road in Kings Mountain. The houses are among 50 owned by Albemarle Corp. and slated for demolition.



Lifeguards at the 68th Avenue Beach in Long Beach Township, New Jersey, stay sheltered under their chair as waves crash into the coastline on Aug. 18, ahead of Hurricane Erin's move up the East Coast.

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Erin starts trek up East Coast

Rip currents, high waves, storm surge in forecast

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USA TODAY

Hundreds of thousands of beachgoing tourists and coastal residents kept a watchful eye on massive Hurricane Erin Aug. 19 as large waves and rough surf driven by the powerful storm were expected to pound the Atlantic Coast from central Florida to Canada.

Parts of North Carolina's Outer Banks were under mandatory evacuation orders, while further south along the North Carolina coast, emergency officials rescued at least 60 people caught in rip currents and heavy surf on Aug. 18 in Wrightsville Beach, prompting a "no swimming" advisory through Aug. 22. Rip currents are the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the Carolinas.

The storm appeared to be making the long-forecast, slow cruise northward hundreds of miles offshore. Erin started Aug. 19 as a Category 3 hurricane with 115 mph winds and gusts up to 155 mph, and had slowed to a 7 mph crawl as it battled headwinds, the National Hurricane Center said. It was then downgraded to Category 2.

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ANALYSIS

Trump seeks fast Russia-Ukraine deal

Susan Page
USA TODAY

The good news is President Donald Trump is determined to make a deal, and fast, to end the grinding war in Ukraine.

For the leaders of Ukraine and

Europe, that could be the bad news, too. Concern about what Trump would be willing to cede to Russia in his supercharged effort to reach an accord – the prime exhibit in his open campaign to win the Nobel Peace Prize – drew an extraordinary group of European leaders to the White House to back up Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at a pivotal moment for Kyiv.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy meets with President Trump on Aug. 18. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

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