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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO OPEN IN HAINESPORT

Residents Impacted By Recent Storms Can Apply For Federal Aid

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) at the Hainesport Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 firehouse at 106 Broad Street beginning Friday, May 14 to assist individuals, households and businesses affected by the storms and flooding of mid-March.

After opening at noon on Friday, the DRC will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday until further notice. The center will be closed Sundays.

Hainesport will be one of three centers opening tomorrow in New Jersey. Others will open in Ocean and Cumberland counties, making a total of 12 DRCs operating in flood-stricken, federally declared New Jersey counties.

Each DRC is staffed with FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration and state agency disaster recovery specialists who are prepared to help flood survivors through the recovery process.

Survivors are encouraged to register with FEMA by calling toll-free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or TTY/TDD 1-800-462-7585 for people with speech and hearing disabilities (for relay service, call 711 or 1-800-852-7897) between 7 a.m. and 1 a.m., seven days a week.

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Multi-lingual operators are available to answer calls during this time. Residents may also register online anytime at www.disasterassistance.gov.

At the Disaster Recovery Center, visitors can:

- Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.
- Get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters and business owners.
- Inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance.
- May receive referrals to voluntary organizations to help with immediate unmet needs.
- Learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

“We identified more than 300 homes that were impacted by the storms,” Burlington County Emergency Management Coordinator Kevin Tuno said last week.

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To speed assistance, individuals should be ready to provide:

- Their current phone number.
- Their address at the time of the disaster and the address where they are now staying.
- Their Social Security number, if available.
- A general list of damages and losses they suffered.
- If insured, their insurance policy number, or the agent's and company name.

Individual assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs. Low interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also will be available to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance.

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