STATE AND FEDERAL TEAMS CONTINUE FLOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS IN BROWARD COUNTY TODAY

TALLAHASSEE - Two state of Florida and federal recovery teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration will continue a joint preliminary damage assessment today of individual homes and property damage in the cities of Hallandale Beach, Hollywood and Pembroke Park, located in Broward County, that were impacted by the recent severe weather and flooding rains that occurred on December 17 and 18, 2009.

The joint teams, including officials from Broward County and local municipalities, are back in the field for a second day to catalog the levels of flood damage and estimate the dollar value of the losses. Those numbers will then be transmitted to the Division of Emergency Management in Tallahassee for review to determine what, if any, federal disaster assistance programs would be applicable to this event.

“Our goal today is to complete an accurate accounting of the total damages from last week’s storm,” said David Halstead, interim deputy director with the Florida Division of Emergency Management. “We are encouraging Broward County residents that suffered a loss due to the flooding to contact their local officials so teams can survey the damage.”

The State Watch Office in Tallahassee continues to monitor conditions with Recovery and Operations staff and to assist with any additional requests from county emergency management partners.

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