News Release

FOR FLORIDA COUNTIES
LEVY COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO CLOSE THURSDAY

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Levy County will permanently close at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, but those who suffered damages due to the storms and flooding between March 26 and May 5 can still get the help they need.

Disaster survivors may call the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) toll-free registration and Helpline to apply for assistance or discuss the status of a FEMA application. Call FEMA at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585 for those with a speech or hearing impairment. Multilingual operators are available. Representatives will provide assistance from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, seven days a week. Applications can also be completed and the status of any pending applications checked online at www.disasterassistance.gov.

DRC CLOSING AT 6 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 21:

LEVY COUNTY
Fowlers Bluff Volunteer Fire Rescue
4591 Northwest County Road 347
Fowlers Bluff, FL 32629

It is not mandatory to go to a DRC, but to find out where open recovery centers are located contact a local emergency manager’s office. Storm survivors who visit the centers may apply for assistance, check the status of an existing FEMA application and get additional information about resources available to eligible applicants. The centers are staffed with specialists from FEMA, the State Emergency Response Team, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and a variety of disaster-recovery representatives from local and volunteer agencies. They have access to important resources and can help individuals on the road to recovery.

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FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

www.fema.gov
FEMA’s temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management and State Emergency Response Team (SERT)coordinates disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation programs with all 67 counties and the federal government. For more information and to GET A PLAN! please visit www.FloridaDisaster.org.

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