News Release

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$3 MILLION IN DISASTER AID ALREADY APPROVED FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – One week after President Obama declared Volusia County a disaster area eligible for federal help, more than 2,800 victims have registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and more than $3 million in aid has been approved.

This help will go to applicants FEMA has determined are eligible for assistance in Volusia County.

Registering is as easy as dialing 800-621-FEMA (3362) any day between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. local time or TTY 800-462-7585 for people with speech or hearing impairment. Potential applicants can also go to FEMA’s Web site, www.disasterassistance.gov and complete an application. Applicants may also track the status of an application at that site.

FEMA officials and State Emergency Response Team (SERT) officials continue to encourage Volusia County residents who suffered uninsured or underinsured losses related to the May 17 severe storms and flooding to register for help with FEMA.

Here is a summary of assistance to individuals through June 2:

- $1,431,790 has been disbursed for housing expenses, including temporary rental assistance, home repair costs and assistance toward replacing destroyed homes.
- $650,816 has been approved for Other Needs Assistance (ONA) to cover expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster (e.g., medical, dental, funeral, personal property, transportation, moving and storage, and other related expenses).
- 1,700 home inspections to confirm disaster damage have been completed.
- Teams of state and FEMA Community Relations field specialists have distributed more than 4,800 flyers and worked in Volusia County to help identify and assist disaster survivors. In the course of explaining the recovery process, they have visited 1,222 residences and 221 businesses.

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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.

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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.

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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