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FIVE YEARS OF HURRICANE JEANNE RECOVERY — BY THE NUMBERS

- 1** Unified Command. This unified command system – used for the first time in Florida following Hurricane Charley - merged state and federal response teams to solve problems together. The unified approach led to a faster and more agile response and was pivotal to the success of the statewide response to the 2004 storm season.
- 3** Hurricane Jeanne was a Category 3 storm when it made landfall near Stuart, Fla. on September 26, 2004. The 120 mph storm hit virtually the same area Hurricane Frances battered just three weeks earlier.
- 110** Jeanne-related projects aimed at making Florida a more disaster-resistant state. Totaling nearly \$89 million, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds were provided to the state for storm shutters, impact-resistant glass, roof strengthening, drainage projects and other improvements to public facilities.
- 1,000** Patients treated by FEMA Disaster Medical Assistance Teams following the storm.
- 6,500** FEMA Public Assistance grants provided to state agencies, local governments and nonprofits as a result of Hurricane Jeanne.
- 17,000** Number of temporary housing units provided to Floridians for all 2004 storms once Jeanne rolled through. Temporary housing units include travel trailers and mobile homes.
- 46,000** People sheltered across the state by voluntary agencies including The American Red Cross.
- 233,000** Homes inspected to determine eligibility for FEMA housing assistance.
- 364,000** Individuals who registered for state and federal assistance in Florida.
- 5.1 million** Cubic yards of debris created by Jeanne. FEMA funded nearly \$275 million in debris removal costs.
- \$89 million** In claims paid by the National Flood Insurance Program in Florida. The program is managed by FEMA.
- \$362 million** Approved loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The loans reached the occupants of more than 10,000 homes and more than 2,500 businesses.
- \$398 million** Approved for Floridians through the Individual and Households program. This included nearly \$200 million to pay for lodging expenses, rental assistance, and minimal home repairs.

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\$530 million Public Assistance funds allocated by FEMA for cities, counties and certain nonprofits for nearly 6,500 recovery projects.

\$6.9 billion Estimated insured and uninsured losses nationwide.

The Florida Four in 2004: Charley (Aug. 13), Frances (Sept. 5), Ivan (Sept. 16) and Jeanne (Sept. 26)

- Four storms in 44 days caused an estimated \$45 billion in damage.
- Each of the storms is still ranked among the top ten costliest hurricanes ever to strike the U.S., according to the Insurance Information Institute.
- At the time, FEMA's response to the four hurricanes was the largest in the agency's 26-year history.
- Florida was the first state to be hit by four hurricanes in one season since Texas in 1886.
- Because of the 2004 hurricanes, nearly \$369 million in federal funds was set aside for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The program funds projects that will protect Florida communities during future storms.
- FEMA received applications from approximately 1.3 million households and businesses in Florida and provided nearly \$1.6 billion in grants to Florida residents.
- The agency sent nearly \$2.5 billion in federal aid to the state to reimburse local governments and eligible state agencies for nearly 27,000 recovery and rebuilding projects – that amounts to about half of all public disaster recovery projects *nationwide* for that year.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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