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Mingo County Flood Update WILLIAMSON, W.Va. - Monday, May 18, 2009

Church groups and other volunteer organizations will soon be arriving to assist victims of the May 9 flooding in southern Mingo County.

The Mingo County Commission (MCC) and Office of Emergency Services (OES) Director Jarrod Fletcher report that anyone interested in receiving assistance with cleaning their property should sign up at the disaster relief center servicing their area. The telephone numbers for the centers are as follows:

Matewan Town Hall - (304) 426–4092
Varney Community Center - (304) 426–5070
Larry Joe Harless Center - (304) 664–2500

Officials stress that especially those who are elderly, disabled or widowed should apply for volunteer cleanup assistance. First priority will be given to these residents.

Tetanus vaccination clinics are scheduled today for people who have not yet been vaccinated. The vaccinations will be available while supplies last. The schedule is as follows:

Baisden Volunteer Fire Department - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wharncliffe Volunteer Fire Department - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Beech Creek Volunteer Fire Department - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Fletcher also wants to remind residents that the most effective manner in which to remove debris from their property is to place it by the side of the road. He stresses that piles of debris cannot block roadways, mailboxes or utility poles.

Another reminder for residents whose homes were impacted by flooding is to register their damage with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as soon as possible. The numbers to call are 1 (800) 621–3362 and TTY 1 (800) 462–7585.

FLOOD RELIEF NEWSROOM: Begin Applying for FEMA Flood Assistance Now
Posted Friday, May 15, 2009 ; 12:01 AM
Updated Saturday, May 16, 2009 ; 03:50 AM

Here is everything you need to know to begin applying for disaster relief if you were affected by recent flooding in Mingo and Wyoming Counties.

SEE FULL DETAILS:
http://wvnstv.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=59125

Posted: 4:48 PM May 15, 2009
Last Updated: 9:59 PM May 15, 2009
http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/45128197.html
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A FEMA news release states that assistance will include "grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low–cost loans to cover uninsured property loses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster."

There will also be federal funding available to the government and some nonprofit groups who do emergency work and repair of facilities. Just this week, Kanawha County pledged help to Mingo County with paramedics, firefighters, deputies, etc.

FEMA will also offer assistance for hazard mitigation measures for all counties in the state.

Those affected by flooding in Mingo and Wyoming counties can start applying for help Saturday by registering online at http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1–800–621–FEMA(3362) or 1–800–462–7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

The toll–free telephone numbers will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

... (SEE above website for more details)

RED CROSS UPDATES AT: (Newest update date & time below – see website for details)
http://www.cwv–redcross.org/redcross/

UPDATED 10 a.m.
Friday, May 15, 2009

DEBREE COLLECTION & TETNUS
5/14/09
Mingo officials expect federal help by Friday
(SEE FULL STORY AT: http://www.williamsondailynews.com/)

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Four secured dump sites have been designated for debris collection. These sites are located on the former Lowe's property in Matewan; the walking track in Gilbert; Trellis Cisco's property located in front of the Varney Community Center in Varney and the foot of Horsepen Mountain near the water tank. Officials stress these sites are secured sites and are not open for public dumping.

The Mingo County Health Department has ordered 500 additional tetanus vaccinations and more will be obtained as needed. Vaccination clinics will be scheduled once the shipment is received, according to Cathy Hedon, health department director.
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

Mingo County Office of Emergency Services (OES)
Emergency Daily Bulletin
Emergency Contact Numbers

If you have a health-related emergency or know someone who is in need of immediate rescue (trapped in home), please call 9-1-1.

OES has surveyed the county and is aware of roadway and home damage.

Emergency Shelter Locations & Information

Varney Community Center will serve citizens of Varney and Delbarton areas. For information, call (304) 426-5070.

Matewan Town Hall will provide services for those living in the Matewan, Red Jacket, Meador and Beech Creek areas.

The Larry Joe Harless Center will serve the citizens of Stafford District area.

A new emergency shelter has been established at Kermit Town Hall.

The Red Cross shelter at the Freedom Full Gospel Church is now closed.

These area emergency centers have information pertaining to that specific area. Each center has been given emergency water supplies.

Shower and Shelter Access

Burch High School will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for people wanting to shower and needing shelter.

Looting/Trespassing

It has come to the attention to officials that incidents of looting and theft are increasing in the impacted areas. Such actions will NOT be tolerated and law enforcement officials will be issuing citations. The Mingo County Prosecutor advises that anyone who enters private property for the purpose of taking discarded items may face prosecution.

Kermit/Naugatuck Water Situation

No new information has been received. Updated information will be included in future bulletins as it is received.

National Guard

Twelve National Guard wellness teams continue to utilize Humvees to deliver food and water to inaccessible locations. If you need the services of one of these teams, please call (304) 235-8551.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has deployed various units to the flood-impacted areas. They will be providing meals to residents affected by the flooding. Two meals per day will provided at the following locations: Regional (Delbarton) Church of God; Hanover Fire Department; Baisden Fire Department; the Varney Community Center (also known as the old Varney Grade School); and the Creekwood Apartments in Newtown. These meals will be available until further notice, according to information provided by the Red Cross. Hot meals will also be served at the Larry Joe Harless Center. The Red Cross will also be distributing hot meals to outlying areas with mobile feeding vehicles through a cooperative effort with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bulk distribution of heater meals, cleaning supplies, water and other items continue to be available at the Larry Joe Harless Center and Matewan Town Hall.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is providing services at the Larry Joe Harless Center in Gilbert.

Donations/Charitable Contributions

Union Mission has delivered two tractor trailers of relief to Mingo County citizens and has undertaken a joint project with WCHS–TV to provide additional relief supplies to Mingo County. WSAZ also has a relief project underway for Mingo County.

The Catholic Diocese is raising $25,000 for the citizens of the area. State OES officials are gathering supplies and they are in transit.

Local pastors are working through area churches to provide food and cleaning kits.

East Kentucky Broadcasting is also collecting water and supplies to be delivered to the affected areas.

Emergency Drinking Water/Public Water

OES has obtained and delivered to the emergency shelters sites several tractor trailer loads of water. Ample water supplies are now being delivered and will be distributed to the emergency sites.

Mingo County Public Service District (PSD), Veolia Water and the town of Gilbert are utilizing their best efforts to have all water sources available as quickly as possible. Areas served by the Mingo County PSD where water has been returned will be under a boil water advisory until at least Thursday.

The Mingo County PSD is providing an open water line at Joe Evans Auto Body in Delbarton. Individuals who bring their own containers will be allowed access to this line.

If you have a public water source problem to report, please call (304) 235–2244.

Roadways

A major effort has been underway by the National Guard and the Department of Highways to make all roads passable. U.S. 52, Route 49, State Route 65, many secondary routes and county roads have suffered major damage or total destruction. Major construction work is underway. The work will be extensive and there will be numerous time delays. In the interest of public safety, please exercise common sense and access these areas ONLY for emergency travel. Citations may be issued for non–compliant drivers.

Numerous private corporations and individuals are donating time and equipment to this consolidated effort, including CONSOL, Massey Energy, Alpha Natural Resources, International Industries and numerous others.

Private Water Wells

If your private water well has been impacted by flood waters, DO NOT drink the water until it has been inspected by the Mingo County Health Department. There are hundreds of homes impacted and the testing will take time to complete. You can register for water testing at your local shelter, however, wells must be disinfected before testing. Please call the Mingo County Health Department for instructions on disinfection at (304) 235–3570.

Tetanus Warnings/Clinics

Any person who has had contact with flood water should obtain a tetanus shot. You may obtain that from your private physician if available. The Mingo County Health Department will be conducting tetanus vaccination clinics today. Vaccinations will be available at the Larry Joe Harless Center from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and both the Varney Community Center and Matewan Town Hall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Future clinics will be held as more vaccinations are made available.

On Thursday, Dr. Britt from West Virginia University will be conducting a tetanus vaccination clinic at the Larry Joe Harless Center beginning at 9 a.m. Approximately 300 vaccinations will be available.

Public Transportation

Tri–River Transit will provide two buses for public transportation to assist citizens in accessing physician appointments, filling prescriptions and other business such as grocery shopping. This service will be free of charge. Please call the Tri–River office in Delbarton to make arrangements, (304) 475–2460 or (877) 212–0815.

Flooded Personal Property/Debris

If you have the means, please photograph and /or videotape damage to your property. You may also want to compile an itemized list of all personal property that has been damaged. This will assist you with any private insurance you may have and FEMA if a national declaration is issued, which we fully expect.

Cleaning kits continue to be distributed.

Once damage is documented, please remove the items from your residence and place them where they will be easily accessible to National Guard trucks which will take them to designated debris sites. Please DO NOT place any debris around a utility pole, fire hydrant nor mailbox nor should the debris impede a roadway. Flooded material is a definite health hazard and will create potentially harmful mold. Please utilize your best efforts to avoid mold damage to your home.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The assistance of volunteers continues to be needed and appreciated.

Future Bulletins

These bulletins will be published daily and will be available at emergency shelter sites.

Coal Impoundments

All area coal impoundments have been inspected by federal, state, and local officials as well as responsible companies and there are NO current safety issues concerning those impoundments. If an issue should ever arise in the future, you will be notified by the WARN System.

Public Utilities

OES officials have made contact with Appalachian Electric Power and contract crews are currently working throughout the area. Contract crews are also working for Verizon and gas providers as well.

Mental Health/Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR)

Counselors will be in all impacted areas. If you or someone you know needs these services, please contact the shelter in your area or a liaison officer. DHHR should be contacted if anyone is aware of health/safety issues impacting adults or children who cannot care for themselves. Contact Carolyn Sansom (304) 235–4680.

Judge's Work Program/Inmates

Individuals will be in various areas assisting with the removal of large debris for public health purposes. These individuals are providing community service and will be supervised at all times.

The work program crews have been loading National Guard trucks with water and supplies. Today they will initiate a massive effort in the Gilbert area.

School Schedules and Closings

Mingo County Schools have been ordered closed for the rest of the week. An update on next week's school schedule will be published as soon as it is made available to commission officials.

Public Housing

You may contact the Mingo County Housing Authority for information about temporary housing. Please call (304) 475–4663.

Mingo County Special Session

The Mingo County Commission will be in special session Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the 9–1–1 Command Center.

The Mingo County Commission and Office of Emergency Services appreciate your patience as we work to provide relief services to the affected areas.

Services offered: Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, State/County
Updated May 29, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4362

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Info/Hotline · Open

Government Agency
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Phone 1–866–823–5663 (toll free) or 304–957–2994
Serves Mingo County, WV
Eligibility Residents Impacted by the 5/09 Floods
Service Temporary

Assistance Available for Some WV Stream Impairments & Job Loss
Posted Wednesday, May 20, 2009 ; 12:50 PM

The programs are designed to alleviate threats to life and property that resulted from recent flooding

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the West Virginia Conservation Agency and Conservation Districts, are accepting requests for assistance from private landowners to address stream impairments. The programs are designed to alleviate threats to life and property that resulted from the natural disasters such as the flooding that occurred May 9–10.

Emergency assistance to address stream channel obstructions or severely eroding stream banks is available for eligible sites. Interested landowners whose homes, businesses or other improved properties are threatened by severe stream bank erosion or stream channel obstructions may request assistance by contacting the West Virginia Conservation Agency at 1–866–823–5663 (toll free) or 304–957–2994. Applications must be submitted by June 5.

Additionally, residents whose ability to get to work has been hampered or who have lost their jobs due to the flooding may apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits. These funds apply to the severe storms, flooding, mudslides and

landslides that occurred beginning May 2, according to Michael Moore, director for Unemployment Compensation Division of the West Virginia Department of Commerce.

Those wishing to file a DUA claim must do so by June 18. The benefits also cover self–employed workers not usually entitled to unemployment insurance, including farmers. Applicants must provide proof of past earnings such as business records or bank statements as well as their most recent income tax forms when applying. These claims can be filed at the Workforce West Virginia offices in Beckley, Logan, Princeton and Welch. For more information, contact the Logan Workforce West Virginia office is (304) 792–7020.

The Mingo County Commission and Office of Emergency Services would also like to inform residents impacted by the flooding that the last day to receive supplies from disaster relief centers will be Friday, May 29. Supplies will still be available by request after that day while they last.

Services offered: Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors
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