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FEMA OPENS DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

Center To Operate At Pemberton Campus of Burlington County College

Burlington County officials today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has opened a Disaster Recovery Center on the Pemberton Campus of Burlington County College to assist residents and businesses that have sustained significant damages or losses at the hands of Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee.

The Center will swing into full operations tomorrow, Wednesday, September 14, 2011, and will be open from 8 AM to 6 PM, seven days a week, until further notice. It will assist individuals and businesses in applying for financial support, including rent for temporary housing, and grants and loans to address property damage.

The Center is located in the 800 Building (Police Academy Building) on William K. McDaniel Drive, off Rancocas Creek Road, on the eastern edge of the campus.

“We appreciate FEMA working closely with our emergency management personnel to assist our homeowners and residents whose lives have been so totally disrupted by this disaster,” said Freeholder Chris Brown. “Hopefully this will also help mitigate some of the stress they are experiencing as well.”

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Brown said the Small Business Administration is also expected to staff the Center to assist businesses impacted by the storm, including financial support and technical assistance. For more information about assistance available to business, those interested should call 1-866-534-7789.

“Key County agencies also have been major players in addressing residents’ needs since the day the hurricane arrived,” said Brown, “and stand ready to address storm-related issues with which residents may now be coping.”

Because disasters can give rise to scams targeting victims, the Burlington County Office of Consumer Affairs is prepared to assist residents in ensuring that any home contractors or charities with whom they come in contact is reputable. Consumer Affairs can be dialed directly at 609-265-5054.

“Residents can still begin the disaster application process by contacting FEMA by phone or through the Internet,” Brown said, “and they are certainly encouraged to do so.

The telephone number is 1-800-621-FEMA (3362); the web address is www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

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