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Long-Term Disaster Recovery Introductory Meeting June 13

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Representatives from businesses, non-profit agencies, faith-based organizations and community volunteer groups are invited to an introductory meeting June 13 to discuss the formation of a county Long-Term Recovery Committee in response to the April 16 tornadoes.

The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B of the Department of Social Services building at 1225 Ramsey St. and is designed to match long-term disaster recovery needs with community resources. FEMA will provide an overview of how to transition from disaster response to long-term disaster recovery.

An Unmet Needs and Donated Goods Committee was established in response to the immediate needs following the storm. That group is seeking to transition to a Long-Term Recovery Committee of not-for-profits and other organizations to assist with critical needs not met by state and federal programs.

FEMA reports there are 12 Long-Term Recovery Committees being formed in various North Carolina counties.

For more information, call (910) 677-2035.

Don't forget, June 20 is the deadline to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for disaster assistance and to apply for U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loans. Individuals can register for FEMA disaster assistance by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585 for deaf and hard-of-hearing callers. Registration can be done online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or with a web-enabled mobile device or smartphone at m.fema.gov and link to “apply online for federal assistance.”

It is important that the SBA applications be returned by the deadline so that storm victims are not disqualified from receiving further federal assistance. For more information about SBA disaster loans, call 800-659-2955.

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