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## Time is Now for Residents to Seek FEMA Assistance

Statement of Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.

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Last Monday night, approximately 400 people attended my Emergency Flood Disaster Meeting at Marshall High School. Officials from FEMA, the city's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, and the city's Department of Public Works joined me in providing information regarding the July flooding and in addressing concerns that were shared by many residents.

**Since that meeting, more than 2,400 2<sup>nd</sup> District households have officially applied for FEMA assistance.**

I would like to personally thank Mr. Paul Ricciuti, the Federal Coordinating Officer for FEMA, who provided an informative overview of the Individuals and Households Program. I have personal knowledge that Mr. Ricciuti helped a city resident who had severe losses from the flooding learn that she will qualify for \$7,000 in assistance from FEMA – this after learning weeks prior from another official that she might only qualify for coverage in the hundreds of dollars!

As a city, Milwaukee is very fortunate that our elected city, state, and federal officials would not give up and ultimately made a successful case for individual assistance from FEMA. As an American, I am also proud to have come to know Mr. Ricciuti and members of his team. They are here to help us, and they are very capably delivering that help.

That said, the time is now for **all** Milwaukee residents who suffered losses from the July storms to do their part and seek assistance.

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For those who feel more comfortable registering for FEMA assistance in person, there are now two walk-in centers that are open. One center is located in the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Firefighters office, **7717 W. Good Hope Rd.**, and the other is at our DPW facility at **3850 N. 35<sup>th</sup> St.**

Those seeking aid may also register by phone - (800) 621-FEMA - or online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov).

**FEMA is stressing that people seeking assistance - even those who provided information to the city before the announcement September 18 that FEMA would provide assistance to individual residents - must register with the agency to qualify for aid.**

Last, residents should be aware that all FEMA inspectors will carry identification badges and will never ask for money. Residents who qualify for assistance should expect to receive a check from FEMA seven to 10 days **after the inspection**. The money will be awarded to repair eligible structural damage and pay for temporary housing. Some losses of personal possessions, such as clothing may be covered by FEMA assistance. The only way to receive federal assistance is to register with FEMA and obtain a nine digit registration number. If you do not have a registration number you have not registered with FEMA.