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FEMA/STATE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO OPEN IN COSHOCTON

COLUMBUS, OH -- The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency will open a Disaster Recovery Center in Coshocton for one day next week. The center, located in the Coshocton County Services Building at 724 South 7th Street, will operate as a federal/state recovery center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 7 and will remain open Tuesday, March 8 through Friday, March 11 as a facility of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

“After calling to register for disaster assistance, we encourage people to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to meet face-to-face with our recovery specialists,” said Lee Champagne, FEMA’s coordinating officer. “The Coshocton center will be staffed for one day only with FEMA staff who will be able to check on the status of people’s applications and provide information about various assistance programs and services available.”

“Visitors to the Disaster Recovery Center can also learn what their options are for repairing or rebuilding so they don’t have to face the same problems when severe storms strike again,” said Nancy Dragani executive director of Ohio Emergency Management Agency and state coordinating officer in the disaster recovery efforts.

From Tuesday through Friday of next week, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, the Coshocton center will be staffed with SBA personnel who will explain the government’s low-interest disaster loan program and assist visitors with completion of their loan application packets.

The presidential declaration of February 15 made Ohioans in the following counties eligible for disaster assistance: Athens, Belmont, Clark, Coshocton, Crawford, Delaware, Franklin, Henry, Jefferson, Logan, Morgan, Muskingum Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Warren and Washington.

Homeowners, renters and business owners in declared counties who were affected by the disaster are urged to call and register for assistance by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. The special number for those with hearing or speech impairment is **TTY 1-800-462-7585**. Phone lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday until further notice. People may also register for assistance online at **www.fema.gov**.

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The Ohio EMA coordinates the state's response and recovery from the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center. One of the primary focuses of the agency is to ensure that Ohio citizens are prepared to respond to and recover from an emergency or disaster and to lead mitigation efforts against the effects of future disasters. During times of disasters, Ohio EMA coordinates activities of responding state agencies and maintains liaison with similar agencies of other states and of the federal government.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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