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Are You Register Ready For Disasters?

West Trenton, NJ — In preparation for 2008 Hurricane season as well as any potential emergency event, the counties of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem, in partnership with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, have created New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters, a free, voluntary and confidential program designed to assist people with special needs who may find it difficult to get to safety in the event of an emergency.

“The time to get ready is now,” said Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police and Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. Make an evacuation plan for yourself, your family, and your pets. Prepare a readiness kit of things you’ll need to have with you if you must evacuate or shelter in place for an extended period of time. Talk now to friends and family who can help you get to safety when a crisis hits,” Colonel Fuentes added.

“New Jersey’s Special Needs Registry for Disasters is designed to help those who may have difficulty during an evacuation because of physical or other limitations, or lack of transportation,” New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Richard Canas explained. “Signing up with the New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters program will help first responders make the best use of limited time and resources by planning to help those with limited options for evacuation during an emergency.”

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People with special needs (or caregivers on their behalf) are encouraged to register electronically, if possible, by accessing www.registerready.nj.gov. Alternatively, they can call New Jersey's toll-free 2-1-1 telephone service. This service will register people, offer free translation, and provide TTY services for the hearing-impaired. Paper registration forms are also available from the above mentioned county offices of emergency management, by contacting one of the following phone numbers or addresses:

Atlantic County OEM

Anthony Canale Training Center
5033 English Creek Avenue
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Phone: (609) 407-6742

Cape May County OEM

30 West Mechanic Street
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
Phone: (609) 463-6570

Cumberland County OEM

637 Bridgeton Avenue
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
(856) 455-8770

Monmouth County OEM

300 Halls Mills Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 431-7400

Ocean County OEM

PO Box 2191
120 Hopper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08753
Phone: (732) 341-3551

Salem County OEM

135 Cemetary Road
Woodstown, NJ 08098
Phone: 856-769-2900

Numerous community, civic, faith-based, medical, and non-profit organizations are also helping to register people with special needs. "Don't wait until after hurricane season, a fire, or any other disaster to sign up on New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters," Colonel Fuentes said. "Today – and any day before a disaster strikes – is the perfect time to get ready," added Director Canas.

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