FEMA Inspectors, Teams Canvas 27 Oklahoma Counties

Release Date: 6? 25, 2019

Oklahoma City, OK – Housing inspectors and Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have hit the streets in 27 Oklahoma counties to help disaster survivors get connected with potential assistance.

The visits are currently taking place in Alfalfa, Canadian, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Garfield, Kay, Kingfisher, Le Flore, Logan, Mayes, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington and Woods counties, all of them declared for FEMA Individual Assistance for the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding between May 7 and June 9, 2019.

As additional counties get designated for Individual Assistance, the housing inspectors and DSA Teams will move into those areas.

Inspections occur once survivors register with FEMA. They are an essential part of the recovery process for survivors who need to make their homes livable again or have serious personal property loss. Homeowners and renters should make sure their contact information is up to date and have access to a telephone. They will need to have a photo ID and proof of ownership or a lease.

Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams go door to door in affected areas to answer questions about the types of help available, help survivors apply for state and federal assistance, update an applicant's contact information and help with referrals to whole community partners. Team members wear blue FEMA shirts.

DSA Team members and housing inspectors have photo IDs. Survivors should ask to see them.



Page 1 of 2

Those who had damage should contact their insurance agent before registering for FEMA assistance online at <u>www.DisasterAssistance.gov</u>. Applicants may also call 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Learn more about the current disaster in Oklahoma at <u>https://www.fema.gov/okmit</u> and <u>https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4438</u>. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/femaregion6 and the FEMA Blog at http://blog.fema.gov.

#

FEMA's mission is to help before, during and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at SBA.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.



Page 2 of 2