State/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Lebanon

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NASHVILLE – The State of Tennessee and FEMA have opened a Disaster Recovery Center in Lebanon.

Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses affected by the March 3 severe storms and tornadoes. Recovery specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the state and other interests are at the center to talk about available assistance and provide referrals to help with recovery.

Center location:

Log Cabin Wilson County Fairgrounds 945 E. Baddour Pkwy Lebanon, TN 37087 Hours: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. seven days a week.

SBA disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible. They are available to answer questions about SBA's low-interest disaster loan program and help business owners and residents apply to the SBA.

The centers are accessible to people with disabilities. Centers have assistive technology equipment for survivors with vision loss. Video Remote Interpreting is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

Disaster survivors with uninsured or underinsured losses can register with FEMA in the following ways:

- Visit <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>
- Download the FEMA App



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- Call 800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 TTY). Multilingual operators are available. The toll-free numbers are open daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time.
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center (to locate the nearest center, visit fema.gov/drc)

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FEMA's mission is helping people 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.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

The U.S. Small Business Administration 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 nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.SBA.gov/disaster.



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