## FEMA Teams Meeting with Survivors in Mississippi

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**MADISON, Miss.** – FEMA is meeting survivors where they are to help start their recovery following the

April 8-11, 2024, severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding.

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams will be going door-to-door in neighborhoods throughout Hancock, Hinds, Humphreys, Madison, Neshoba and Scott counties to help residents who want to apply for FEMA assistance.

FEMA personnel can help survivors complete their disaster assistance application, update an existing application, answer questions about federal assistance and provide referrals to additional community resources.

These teams will never ask for or accept money and will be wearing a FEMA identification badge with a photograph. A FEMA shirt, vest or jacket is not proof of identity. While helping someone apply, they will ask for personal information. This includes the applicant's social security number, annual income, and bank information. Survivors are encouraged to ask for identification before providing any personal information.

It is not necessary to wait for a visit from FEMA to apply for assistance. Survivors can apply for FEMA assistance by going online to <a href="DisasterAssistance.gov">DisasterAssistance.gov</a>, downloading the <a href="FEMA mobile app">FEMA mobile app</a> or calling the <a href="FEMA Helpline">FEMA Helpline</a> at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give <a href="FEMA your number for that service">FEMA your number for that service</a>.

For the latest information on recovery from the April tornadoes, visit <u>msema.org</u> and <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4790</u>. On X/Twitter follow MEMA <u>@MSEMA</u> and FEMA Region 4 @femaregion4.

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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 the FEMA Civil Rights Resource Line toll-free at 833-285-7448. Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish). If you use a Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

