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FEMA Sets Up Disaster Survivor Assistance Center at Lakewood Park Library through Oct. 22

FORT PIERCE – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will staff a Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) Center today through Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7606 Santa Barbara Drive.

The DSA will be open from today until 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 22 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The mission of the Disaster Survivor Assistance program is to build and sustain an expeditionary cadre that can address disaster survivor's immediate needs by:

- Providing in-person, tailored information and services;
- Providing referrals to whole community partners as needed;
- Collecting targeted information to support decision-making; and
- Identifying public information needs so critical messaging can be developed and disseminated.

The Disaster Survivor Assistance Program supports Local, State, Tribal, Territorial, and Federal requirements during disaster response and recovery operations. FEMA staff provides support to disaster survivors at their homes or in their communities, offering options for how to access programs that can help them move forward in their recovery.

Individuals can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or through the FEMA App (available for Android and iOS devices).

Another option for individuals, including those who use 711 relay or VRS, is to call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) while those who use TTY can call 1-800-462-7585. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. EDT seven days a week until further notice.

When an applicant registers, they receive a unique registration number. The registration number is important and should be written down and kept handy. Anyone who does not have a registration number is not yet registered.

For more information on resources available to those affected by Hurricane Irma, please visit: www.FloridaDisaster.org/info.

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