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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN IN BRISTOL AND NEWPORT COUNTIES

WARWICK, R.I. – Federal-State Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened in Bristol and Newport Counties on Saturday, April 10, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced.

The Bristol County DRC is located at the following address:

Bristol County – opening April 10

Bristol Fire Department
4 Annawamscutt Dr.
Bristol, R.I. 02809

The Newport County DRC is located at the following address:

Newport County – opening April 10

Middletown Police Station
123 Valley Rd.
Middletown, R.I. 02842

Representatives of state, federal, voluntary agencies and the U.S. Small Business Administration will be available to answer questions and provide recovery information. Written materials about various assistance programs are also available to individuals and business owners. **No cash, checks, debit cards or vouchers are distributed at DRCs.** Centers are for the dissemination of information to assist in disaster recovery.

Those affected by the disaster are encouraged to register for assistance before they visit a DRC by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for hearing- or speech-impaired. Registration can also be done online at www.fema.gov.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders and to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

The 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 homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private, nonprofit organizations 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 information about SBA programs, applicants may call (800) 659-2955 (TTY 1-800-977-8339).

Disaster recovery assistance is available to any individual without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.