



Grays Harbor Storm Recovery INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

On behalf of the City of Aberdeen / City of Hoquiam / Grays Harbor County

**-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-
Friday, February 6, 2015**

DISASTER INFORMATION, RESOURCES AND HOUSING: The Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) continues to serve as the FLOOD ASSISTANCE INFORMATION center at 360-500-4551 or 1-800-828-4883. Over 300 households have requested some sort of assistance or referral information from CCAP; 99 requests remain open.

To date, CCAP and the American Red Cross have assisted 25 households with rental support. Seven more households are seeking housing and eight are in the application and evaluation process. It has become apparent rental housing has been impacted by the flood and some people are having difficulty finding new rentals.

VOLUNTEER WORK GROUPS: The Incident Management Team is coordinating volunteer work through Washington Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (WAVOAD). The WAVOAD volunteers are being directed to assist flood victims who have previously requested volunteer assistance through CCAP.

Local groups and church groups have also been in contact with the Incident Management Team to volunteer. All individuals will be signed up as state emergency workers, will undergo a background check, and will be enrolled on L&I coverage in case of injury.

It is important for flood victims to have accurate contact information so they can be contacted by phone or email. At times, it has been difficult to either contact flood victims or make sure someone is home when the volunteers are available.

All volunteers will have identification and will make arrangements with flood victims in advance.

DONATION LOCATION CLOSING: The flood donation center known as the "Community Donation Closet" located at 2211 West 1st St in Aberdeen will be closing on Saturday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Donation items remaining after closing will be donated to the Salvation Army.

LOW INTEREST FEDERAL LOANS: The Small Business Administration has set up offices at the Pearsall Building to assist homeowners, renters, and business owners with low interest federal loans for storm damage repairs and losses. They are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ONGOING RESOURCES: CCAP is working with several resources to provide not only referral information, but also assistance with emergency shelter and housing. The American Red Cross will continue to offer disaster services to flood victims on an appointment basis through the CCAP office.

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