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Milwaukee County Sheriff's Bureau of Emergency Management Advises Citizens to Enroll with FEMA for Financial Assistance

****** Step One – Registration******

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke Jr. is urging citizens affected by the June 8-9 storms to apply for financial assistance immediately by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. This weekend, federal officials announced that Milwaukee County is declared a disaster area under Wisconsin's Presidential Disaster declaration. This means that Milwaukee County residents affected by the disaster may qualify for financial assistance under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual and Households Program. Financial assistance may include grants and low-interest loans. Local businesses with storm damage may qualify for assistance from the Small Business Administration disaster program.

Now that Milwaukee County is declared a federal disaster, citizens with storm damage may receive federal financial aide to make homes habitable. This includes money for items like hot water heaters and furnaces. However, the money may not be used to replace luxury items like big screen televisions, stereos, etc.

How do qualify for financial aide? Register as soon as possible. Citizens may register with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA. Citizens may also register online at www.fema.gov. Please note, you are NOT registered by reporting damage to the Sheriff's Hotline at 414-278-3000. **CITIZENS MUST CONTACT FEMA DIRECTLY!**

Attached, please find a brochure detailing the application and reimbursement process.

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