



CITY OF PLAINFIELD

Press Release

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Hurricane Sandy & the Nor'easter Storm

Plainfield Residents/ Business Owners / Stakeholders / Friends:

"Hurricane Sandy and the Nor'easter storm hit the City of Plainfield pretty hard and caused severe damages on so many levels, but we can all be thankful that no storm related serious injuries or fatalities to our business owners or residents have been reported, although we would like to say a special prayer for the PSE&G worker who was injured while trying to restore power to our neighborhoods."

Further, "on behalf of the City of Plainfield and our partners, please be informed that we provided personal visits to homes, housing developments, neighborhoods and businesses; we delivered food to you and served food to you at many locations including our Welcome Centers and Public School buildings; we declared Plainfield a disaster area and we initiated a safety curfew (which has now been lifted); we were on daily conference calls with PSE&G, calls with the Governor office and various Union County officials."

"We worked closely with PSE&G while they removed dangerous wires, enabling us to remove massive trees which were downed and blocking many roadways and egresses. We distributed literature, reports and rode through neighborhoods and delivered information via a bullhorn (in English and Spanish); we also had a 24 hour emergency operation. We offered an array of emergency services, because our team is here to continuously serve you, your families, neighbors and stakeholders."

"Our sincere thanks are extended to all who have been and still are a part of our emergency management team including administration, OEM, Superintendent of Plainfield Public Schools, Police, Fire, Public Works, Rescue Squad, Inspections, Salvation Army, Angels in Action, P.A.C., Queen City Academy, many Plainfield Churches, many residents and volunteers (all of our emergency management members and partners will be named and listed under separate cover). We are still in recovery mode."

To further assist you, a Plainfield Disaster Recovery Center has been set up in the Plainfield Senior Citizens Center and Veterans Meeting Hall, 400 E. Front Street, Plainfield.

Two agencies, U. S. Small Business Administration (USSBA) and Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), are available daily from 8:00 am-8:00 pm. Please meet with their representatives to discuss and determine your eligibility to receive a small cost loan or federal grant. Also, please be prepared to discuss your dwelling, occupants, total income of the household and credit history.

FEMA Hotline Telephone Number: 800-621-3362
USSBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center Number: 800-659-2955

Thank you for your patience, while together, we strive for full recovery.