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*** * * Jefferson County Flood Emergency Information * * ***

Jefferson, WI

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Moves to Partial Activation

The Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) changed its operation status effective 12:00 noon on Monday, June 23, 2008. The EOC operations went from an Emergency operational mode of primarily a 24/7 operation to a Partial Activation status.

The County's Emergency Management Director, Donna Haugom, will continue to work full time on managing County response to flooding problems and overseeing the County's work with FEMA on providing assistance to County residents.

As part of the change in operations, the County will set up a toll-free telephone number that anyone can call to get the latest information on flood assistance, volunteering, road closures and other information. That number will be released as soon as it is activated.

The public can continue to call 920-674-7450 with questions relating to the flood emergency. Residents are encouraged to visit the County's web site for the latest information on all flood related issues.

FEMA Disaster Declaration Pending

Preliminary inspections by FEMA were completed by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2008. The County is hopeful that a decision on a disaster declaration will be made soon.

County officials met with FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs representatives on Saturday to discuss FEMA's inspections and what assistance that FEMA will be able to provide to the County and its residents in the flood clean-up efforts that lay ahead.

FEMA Community Relations specialists will be working with local governments in assisting to get out the information that residents will need about how to proceed with cleaning up after the flood levels recede and how to apply for financial aid.

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County Family Assistance Centers are Open

Jefferson County government is sponsoring places where families can come for flood assistance. The Centers opened on Saturday, June 21, 2008.

The Southern Jefferson County Family Assistance Center is located at 104 Collins Rd., Jefferson, at the intersection of south Highway 26 and Collins Rd., next door to the Family Dollar store. Phone (920) 674-6890.

The Northern Jefferson County Family Assistance Center is located at Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave., Jefferson, at the intersection of Puerner Street and Jackson Ave., off North Hwy 26. Phone (920) 674-7129. **This Center will be moving in the future so please call the Center before going there to check the current location.**

The two Centers will be open seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. People can report there for clean-up kits, water and heater meals (just add water) and flood assistance information.

People who want to volunteer can call the Center most accessible to them, to get a volunteer assignment. People in need of volunteer assistance should call the Center most accessible to the location of their need.

Tetanus Shots Available

The Jefferson County Health Department, in coordination with City of Jefferson EMS, will be offering FREE tetanus shots at three sites on Thursday, June 26, 2008.

Locations include:

Jefferson County Fair Park, Activity Center, 503 N. Jackson, Jefferson, WI from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Jefferson County Health Dept., 1541 Annex Road, Jefferson, WI from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m, Weekdays
Fort Atkinson Fire Dept., 124 W. Milwaukee Avenue, Fort Atkinson, WI from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Appointments are not necessary. Information regarding Tetanus vaccines is available by calling the Jefferson County Health Department at 920-674-7275 or visiting the County's website.

Clean Up Kits Provided by the Red Cross

The Red Cross and Salvation Army are providing clean up kits for Jefferson County residents to use in cleaning their homes and personal belongings that have been exposed to flood water damage.

The free kits contain general cleaning items that may include bleach, mop, scrub brush, large sponge and bucket.

Residents can pick up kits at various County locations, including the two Family Assistance Centers. A list of the sites is available on the County's website or by calling the County's Flood Emergency Information number at 920-674-7450.

Flood waters contain hazardous waste and toxins. Visit the U.W. Extension link on the County's website for information about safe cleaning methods.

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Cresting Water Level Update

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued updated water level information regarding the water levels of the Rock and Crawfish rivers. As of 9:00 a.m. today, it was reported that water levels of both rivers had crested. The Rock River in Fort Atkinson is 10.7' and the estimated crested level on Saturday, June 21, 2008 was 10.85'. Other Jefferson County water level monitoring stations had previously reported crested levels.

Donations

All donations are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations can be made to the American Red Cross or Salvation Army, who are providing food and shelter to flood victims. Material donations (i.e., clothing, house wares, etc.) can be made to St. Vincent de Paul or Goodwill. Non perishable food donations can be made to your local food pantry.

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