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— NEMA Update on Storm Disaster Response— Recovery Work Continues

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

NEMA's mobile operations center and a field team are located in Beaver Crossing, assisting city and county officials with the response there. The focus continues to be on debris management.

Nebraska National Guard

Army National Guard Soldiers from the 92nd Troop Command continue on state active duty, assisting local emergency management officials in providing public safety support in the areas affected by the Sunday's storms. The mission is expected to last until Tuesday, May 20.

Beaver Crossing Town Hall Meeting Monday

The Village of Beaver Crossing will hold a Town Hall meeting Monday, May 19th @ 6 p.m. in the Community Building, northeast corner of Dimery and West streets in Beaver Crossing. The Village Board will hold a board meeting first and then the meeting will be opened up for discussion among the residents.

Emergency Worker Information

Today as of 1:00 p.m., over 700 volunteers were working in Beaver Crossing. The next round of clean up is now going to be done with heavy equipment to pick up debris piles Sunday. To be safe, and allow equipment to operate, the Village asks that volunteers take tomorrow (Sunday) off. Once the existing debris piles are removed, volunteers will once more be needed. Plan to come back out Monday, if you want to help.

On Monday, call the Seward County Emergency Management office at 402-643-4722 or, you can report directly to the fire hall in Beaver Crossing. The fire hall is on the Southeast corner of Dimery and West Streets in the middle of town. At the fire hall you will be checked in and then you will be directed to locations that need help. You must be at least 19 years old.

For those interested in volunteering, please bring or wear the following:

- Driver's License or other government photo I.D.
- Boots or sturdy leather shoes (No tennis shoes, flip flops or sandals)
- Long pants
- Gloves
- Hats
- Sunscreen
- Appropriate clothing to work outdoors
- If available, safety glasses and/or ear protection
- Volunteers are asked to bring rakes or silage forks or hand tools

Resources for handling stress

Region V Behavioral Health Systems are on the scene offering resources and support. Call Kristen Nelson at (402) 441-4356. Or, you can call the Family Helpline at 1-888-866-8660.

The SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 is also available.

Farmers can call the Rural Response Hotline at 1-800-464-0258.

Unmet Emergency Needs

Beaver Crossing residents with any unmet emergency needs are asked to come to the fire hall and report those needs.

Prayer Vigil Scheduled

On Sunday morning at 10 a.m., a community-wide church service will be held at the Methodist Church in Beaver Crossing.

Donation of Needed Items

Anyone wishing to donate needed items, please call Monica at (402) 641-3616. Clothing is not on the list of needs, but all other items are needed.

Financial Donations

If you wish to donate money please make your check payable to Hope Center. Send your check to:

Hope Center
c/o Village of Beaver Crossing
PO Box 116
Beaver Crossing, NE 68313

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