

## HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM PREPAREDNESS

### Preparing For a Hurricane or Tropical Storm

As Hurricane and Tropical Storm Preparedness week begins, the Fund would like to share some tips to help protect property for the upcoming season.

As the days grow hotter and we enter summer, we are also entering prime disaster season. Preparation for municipalities is absolutely critical. Flooding from hurricanes, tropical storms along with tornadoes pose a threat to each one of our communities across the Garden State. Preparedness is a must for local governments. With hurricanes, tornados, flooding and other ecological disasters now occurring more frequently and often taken place with no prior record of such disasters, it is your obligation as a local government to ensure that you are prepared and resilient before a disaster and that your community can make an efficient, predictable, timely recovery in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

Last year Hurricane Ida ripped through New Jersey causing billions of dollars and devastation to areas across the state. Although we cannot stop natural disasters from occurring, there are several things municipalities can do to prepare.

### Develop and/or review your Continuity of Operations

- ⇒ Identify critical functions for each of your departments.
- ⇒ Identify vital infrastructures.
- ⇒ Identify mutual aid, vendors, equipment.
- ⇒ Identify utilities (Electric, water, sewer, gas)
- ⇒ Safeguard vital records.
- ⇒ Employee contact information is up to date.
- ⇒ Cloud-based storage of records. (Laptops, cellphones for employee use)

### Prepare your facilities:

- ⇒ Survey your facilities (Take pictures)- Secure loose objects, - Secure outbuildings.
- ⇒ Prepare sandbags - Fuel generators and vehicles.
- ⇒ Inventory Equipment - (Take Pictures of your inventory)
- ⇒ Relocate vehicles, equipment from flood prone areas prior to a storm.

### Salvage:

- ⇒ Protect property from further damage. (Tarps, duct tape, mops etc.)
- ⇒ Restore utilities in a timely safe manner.

### Maintenance:

- ⇒ Perform maintenance on backup equipment, chainsaws, vehicles.

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