



Pender County Emergency Management

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FEMA establishes Disaster Recovery Centers in Pender County

PENDER COUNTY – Immediately following Hurricane Florence, Pender County Emergency Management and the Pender County Commissioners requested FEMA Disaster Relief Centers (DRCs) to assist our residents with assistance.

Today FEMA announced 8a Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC) is available for individuals who need closer access or who have lost Internet capabilities. The MDRC is located at 801 S. Walker St., in Burgaw, TODAY at 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be there through Sat., Oct. 6.

FEMA established a DRC at Caswell Presbyterian Church in Atkinson. The DRC will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A longer-term Disaster Recovery Center site for the county will open soon. However, Pender County continues their request for a Mobile Disaster Center for the Hampstead, Scotts Hill, Surf City and Topsail Beach area.

According to FEMA, in the three weeks since the federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Florence, Pender County residents have received more than \$20 million in state and federal funds and more than \$9.2 million in state and federal grants to nearly 1,900 homeowners and renters.

More than \$2.8 million in claims paid to more than 1,000 National Flood Insurance Program policyholders, according to FEMA. More than \$8.2 million in U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans approved for 142 homeowners and renters and five businesses in Pender County.

Regarding individual assistance, 5,631 home inspections were issued with approximately 90 percent of home inspections completed.

An estimated 490 inspections have an "Inaccessible" status. This is the number of applicants who had an initial meeting with an inspector who determined that the dwelling is inaccessible. These applicants need to contact FEMA to reschedule an inspection when their homes are accessible.

In regard to Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA), 942 interactions with survivors by FEMA have been conducted. As of Oct. 4, there are two DSA crews working in Pender County, including a Mobile Registration Intake Center which opened when more than 4,000 residents applied for food stamp assistance at the county agricultural building with our department of social services. The FEMA intake center is tentatively slated to close Oct. 6.

Pender County Emergency Management will post updates on the Facebook page at facebook.com/penderem and on the county's website www.pendercountync.gov. If you need assistance call the EM office at 910- 259-1210.

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