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MEMA ANNOUNCES OPENING OF STATE DISASTER RECOVERY OFFICES

Locations of 5 DRCs for Recent Flood Victims

Framingham, MA – In response to the devastating flooding in the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in coordination with a variety of State agencies, will be opening five State Disaster Recovery Centers. Beginning at 8:00am on Thursday, May 25, 2006, these DRCs will be opened to provide a “one-stop” location for flood victims to obtain information about various relief programs and available assistance.

“As we await the potential announcement of a Presidential Disaster Declaration from Washington DC, and its accompanying financial assistance programs, MEMA looks forward to assisting all of the individuals and businesses located in these most affected areas as they begin to make their way back,” stated MEMA Director Cristine McCombs. “These State Disaster Recovery Centers allow people the opportunity to receive answers to their many questions and obtain information regarding the myriad of programs that are available.”

The agencies and organizations, at the DRC, will include the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Department of Transitional Assistance, Department of Elder Affairs, Division of Unemployment Assistance, Department of Veterans Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health, Department of Revenue, Division of Insurance, and Massachusetts Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

DRC Hours:

Monday through Saturday (except Monday May 29th – Memorial Day)
From 8:00am to 8:00pm, beginning Thursday, May 25th through Thursday, June 8th

DRC Locations:

AMESBURY

Boston North Realty
110 Haverhill Road (Rte.110)

MELROSE

Senior Center
201 West Forest Street

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LAWRENCE

Arlington Library
51 Lawrence Street

LOWELL

UMass Lowell
Olney Hall
265 Riverside Street

PEABODY

North Shore Shopping Center
(Formerly Macy's Department Store)
Rtes. 128 & 114

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is the state agency responsible for coordinating federal, state, local, voluntary and private resources during emergencies and disasters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MEMA provides leadership to: develop plans for effective response to all hazards, disasters or threats; train emergency personnel to protect the public; provide information to the citizenry; and assist individuals, families, businesses and communities to mitigate against, prepare for, and respond to and recover from emergencies, both natural and man made. For additional information about these briefings, go to the MEMA website at www.mass.gov/mema.