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Emergency Information – Call to Action – Time Sensitive

February 18, 2010

To All Emergency Management Coordinators, Municipal Managers, and Chief Elected Officials:

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) has requested that all County Emergency Management Agencies gather financial cost information for the two recent snow storms. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) consider the storms as two separate storms, Storm 1 (February 5-6) and Storm 2 (February 9-11).

This is the financial cost/data collection phase. This information will be submitted to PEMA for rapid collection and then sent to FEMA for consideration for a federal declaration for what is known as Public Assistance, for reimbursement of local governments, public safety agencies, certain non-profits, etc. This is not for consideration for assistance to residents and businesses, known as Individual Assistance. There are no guarantees. As stated in previous correspondence, the financial cost information needs to be well organized, well documented, and separated for both storms.

Please see the attached FEMA Equipment Rate schedule for use in compiling your financial cost information and stick to the rates in the schedule as this will be the costs that will be reimbursable if a federal declaration does happen.

Please pick either Storm 1 or Storm 2, whichever was the more costly for your municipality and provide the following financial cost information, which may be reimbursable, if the President of the United States declares Allegheny County a federal disaster area. Dates for all costs must be plainly marked on all of the documentation. **Mixing financial cost information from the two storms is prohibited. For example, if you wanted to use the Police overtime from Storm 1, and the Public Works overtime from Storm 2, that is not permitted.**

Snow Removal Operations

Up to 48 hours of overtime/extra time for your full-time labor
Up to 48 hours for your part-time on call labor
Up to 48 hours per piece of equipment (truck, plow, spreader, etc.)
Up to 48 hours of contracted services for snow removal
Up to 48 hours of cost for rented equipment
Materials used



Emergency Protective Measures

Overtime costs for Emergency Operations Center operations

Warning of risks and hazards

Search and rescue

Security forces (police and guards) in the disaster area

Provision of shelters and emergency mass care

Provision of emergency medical care

Cost effective measures by a local government to prevent damage to a public or private facility

An eligible Private Non-Profit organization to prevent damage to eligible facilities for which it is responsible.

Please complete the attached spreadsheet and send it as part of your information you submit. All costs must be supported with the appropriate documentation (time sheets/payroll information, time spent on activities, equipment run dates/times, receipts, invoices, contracts, etc.) For contracts, a copy of the signed contract must be submitted.

There are three ways to submit your information to Allegheny County EMA.

1. Send the information electronically to rmccafferty@county.allegheny.pa.us
2. Fax the information to 412-473-3363
3. Hand deliver it to the Allegheny County EOC, 400 N. Lexington, Suite 200

Time is of the essence. Please submit your data as soon as possible. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, February 23, at 8:00 p.m. Information submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

If your municipality chooses not to participate, please sign the attached form and return it.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob McCafferty or any of the other Emergency Management staff at 412-473-2550.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Full
Emergency Management Coordinator



Steve Wilharm
Emergency Operations Manager