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Lee Commissioners authorize Multi-Agency Resource Center for tornado recovery effort

Fort Myers, FL, Jan. 21, 2022 – The Lee Board of County Commissioners has authorized the opening of a Multi-Agency Resource Center to aid residents impacted by the Jan. 16 tornado with the opportunity for one-stop service.

The Center will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday beginning Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers.

Participating organizations include:

- The American Red Cross
- Lee County Human & Veteran Services
- The Lee County Tax Collector
- The Salvation Army
- Harry Chapin Food Bank
- Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida
- United Way
- Center for Progress and Excellence
- Catholic Charities

Lee County opened the Multi-Agency Resource Center to provide residents directly impacted by the tornado with easy access to assistance organizations. State and federal partners continue to mobilize long-term recovery assistance.

Organizations at the Center will assess individual needs and work to allocate available resources. Identification and proof of residency will be requested at the site. Examples include driver's licenses, utility bills, insurance cards, mortgage statements or any other documents that match the address at which the impacted property is located. Staff will have a list of impacted residences for those who do not have documentation.

For transportation assistance to the Center, call 211. For more information and resources related to the storm, log on to www.leegov.com/storm.

The latest damage assessment from the storm is 74 homes destroyed, 61 homes with major damage and 58 with minor damage.

Lee County residents not impacted by the storm but in need of agency services should call Lee County Human & Veteran Services at 239-533-7930 or visit https://www.leegov.com/dhs/assistance.