## **FEMA Meeting Arkansans in Baxter County**

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**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** – FEMA expands assistance to more Arkansans after the May 24-27 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding. FEMA will send Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) crews to disaster-affected neighborhoods in Baxter County, often going door-to-door to help residents.

DSA crews are currently visiting neighborhoods in Baxter, Benton and Boone counties. DSA is also available at registration intake centers in Benton, Boone and Marion counties to help survivors. The FEMA staff may help Arkansans apply for federal assistance, identify potential needs and help make connections with local, state, federal and voluntary agencies.

These crews will be easily recognizable by their official photo identification (ID). If you meet people offering assistance, first ask to see their ID before giving them your personal information. They may have FEMA clothing, but that can be easily imitated.

The FEMA crews can help Arkansans in these counties several ways including:

- Checking the status of an application already in the system and making minor changes to applications.
- Making callouts to faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, private sector (businesses) and public libraries that may have the capability to distribute disaster-related information to residents in the impacted counties.
- Identifying organizations providing disaster-related services and/or resources to the public for immediate and long-term recovery.
- Gathering situational awareness about impacts to communities.
- Providing flyers explaining how to apply for disaster assistance.
- Providing civil rights and disability integration assistance information to ensure equal access.



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Survivors can apply to FEMA in several ways including going online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, downloading the <u>FEMA App</u> for mobile devices or calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. Calls are accepted every day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central time. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service. To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

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