

**ALL FEMA / STATE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO CLOSE,
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 7:00 P.M.**

SYRACUSE, NY-All six Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) located in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Fulton, Rensselaer, Schuyler and Steuben and counties will now close Friday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. until further notice, state and federal officials announced today. Recovery officials say this step is being taken as a precaution to protect the safety of the general public as well as state and federal officials with the imminent landfall of Hurricane Isabel. The reopening of the centers will be announced at a later date.

"Although we are closing the DRCs, we are still encouraging those affected by the storms to still call and register with us if they haven't done so already," said Justo Hernandez, FEMA federal coordinating officer. "For those who have already registered and were planning to visit the Mobile Recovery Centers, they can still have their questions answered by calling the same FEMA telephone number."

President Bush's major disaster declaration for Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chemung, Columbia, Delaware, Fulton, Greene, Livingston, Montgomery, Ontario, Rensselaer, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties made those who sustained damages not fully covered by insurance eligible to apply for disaster assistance. Those affected should register now by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TDD) for the hearing and speech impaired. These numbers operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

At the request of Governor George E. Pataki, President Bush signed a major disaster declaration on August 29, 2003 to provide assistance to the counties affected during the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes that hit the State between July 21 and August 13, 2003.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizens Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

**NYS / FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS
NEW HOURS OF OPERATION
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- Mobile DRC #1 FULTON COUNTY
Johnstown Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
231 N. Perry Street
Johnstown, NY 12095
NEW HOURS: Today and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Mobile DRC #2 RENSSELAER COUNTY
Nassau Town Hall
29 Church Street
Nassau, NY 12123
NEW HOURS: Today and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Mobile DRC #3 SCHUYLER COUNTY
Monterey Fire Station
County Route 16
Monterey, NY 14812
NEW HOURS: Today and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Mobile DRC # 4 CATTARAUGUS COUNTY
Recreation Center / Ice Skating Rink Complex
Corner of Front and E. State Streets
Olean, NY 14760
NEW HOURS: Today and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Mobile DRC #5 STEUBEN COUNTY
Town of Campbell Town Hall
8529 Main Street
Campbell, NY 14821
NEW HOURS: Today and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Mobile DRC #6 ALLEGANY COUNTY
Town and Bingo Hall
4 and 6 E. Main St.
Friendship, NY 14739
NEW HOURS: Today and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.