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REGISTER READY PROGRAM NOW IN BURLINGTON COUNTY

Identifying Special Needs Residents Will Help During Emergency Response

Freeholder James K. Wujcik announced today that Register Ready is now available in Burlington County, and encouraged all residents with special needs or their families to sign up for the free, voluntary and confidential program that would identify those who may need assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency.

“This is important component to rescue and emergency response,” Wujcik said. “To know where residents with special needs are, to ensure the necessary equipment to assist them is available and to be able to contact them during an emergency can save precious time and possibly lives.

“In the event of a flood or other disaster when evacuation would be necessary, our responders will know where a bed-ridden resident lives and that they need an ambulance to evacuate,” Wujcik continued.

“This information will be shared only with local and regional response personnel so they can be prepared for the number of special needs residents who may need help, and what kind of assistance may be necessary,” he continued. “Registering is easy, it doesn’t cost anything and it is so important.”

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management introduced Register Ready in the spring to its coastal counties and approximately 6,400 residents are registered. NJOEM now is adding Burlington, Camden, Mercer and Gloucester counties to the program and the Burlington County's initiative is a partnership between the County Office of Emergency Management and County Health Department.

“Expansion of the Register Ready program into four more counties is an important step for New Jersey to help people with disabilities prepare themselves for emergencies and disaster,” said Norman A. Smith, Associate Executive Director of Project Freedom and Chair of the NJ Statewide Independent Living Council.”

Residents can register online by way of the County web site (www.co.burlington.nj.us) under *News and Events* on the main page. Click on *Register Ready for Disabled Residents*, and then *New Users*. Or type <https://www.deltafour.com> into your browser.

On the first page, you will be requested to provide your address, phone and other personal contact information. The second page is emergency contact information and the third page addresses information that would pertain to an evacuation. There is a total of five pages to the registration form.

Camden, Mercer and Gloucester are the other counties now in the program. Residents can register at any time and can call 2-1-1 toll free if they need assistance.

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