



Grays Harbor Storm Recovery INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

On behalf of the City of Aberdeen / City of Hoquiam / Grays Harbor County

**-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-
Friday, February 13, 2015**

VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st: The Incident Management Team is coordinating a community-wide volunteer work day on Saturday, February 21, 2015. All are welcome to volunteer.

A volunteer training session will start at 7:00 AM at the county Pearsall Building located at 2109 Sumner Avenue in Aberdeen. Starting at 7:30 AM, volunteers will be registered as State Emergency Workers with team assignments from 8:00-8:30 AM.

At 9:00 AM, volunteers will start to head out to assigned homes in need of assistance as identified by the requests made to the Coastal Community Action Program FLOOD INFORMATION LINE at 360-500-4551.

The Pearsall Building will serve as the hub of this important volunteer effort designed to assist in mitigating lingering damage and affects from the January Storm and Flood.

At this time, the Incident Management Team is developing an Incident Action Plan (IAP) to organize this work day in support of an expected 200 volunteers from state-wide, local community and church groups.

It is critical homeowners and residents who have requested assistance maintain contact with the Coastal Community Action Program FLOOD LINE. Homeowners and residents needing assistance must also be available at home on February 21st. At this time, no future large scale volunteer work sessions are planned.

The purpose of this volunteer effort is to help keep people safe within their existing housing. Volunteers will be able to move items, muck out debris, clean surfaces and remove wet insulation, but WILL NOT be able to make major structural repairs. Homeowners will be provided a list of resources for additional repairs, including support with asbestos testing provided through donations to the Grays Harbor Community Foundation.

DISASTER INFORMATION: The Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) at 117 East Third Street in Aberdeen continues to serve as the FLOOD ASSISTANCE INFORMATION center at 360-500-4551 or 1-800-828-4883.

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