

Austin Joint Field Office July XX, 2016 DR-4272-TX-FLR00X



# Disaster Assistance for May-June Storms Available for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals and Families

**Incident:** May 26-June 24 severe storms and flooding

#### **Designated Counties for Individual Assistance (24):**

Austin, Bastrop, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Eastland, Fayette, Fort Bend, Grimes, Harris, Hidalgo, Hood, Kleberg, Lee, Liberty, Montgomery, Palo Pinto, Parker, San Jacinto, Stephens, Travis, Tyler, Waller and Washington

### Ways to register:

- online at DisasterAssistance.gov
- phone **800-621-3362** (**FEMA**). Applicants who use **711** or Video Relay Service may also call **800-621-3362**. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a **TTY** may call **800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are open from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.** Multilingual operators are available.
- at a disaster recovery center. To find the nearest one, go online to the Disaster Recovery Center Locator at <a href="mailto:asster-nearest-

# Registration deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 10

**FEMA communicates in many languages**: American Sign Language, Spanish, Vietnamese, Traditional Chinese, Arabic, Urdu and Haitian Creole

## **Helpful FEMA American Sign Language Vlogs:**

- Registering for Disaster Assistance
- Disaster Recovery Centers
- Just Ask!
- FEMA Assistance Does not Impact Government Benefits

# What accommodations for deaf and hard of hearing individuals and families are available at disaster recovery centers?

 Disaster recovery centers, or DRCs, offer captioned phones, amplified phones and iPads with video remote interpreting access to sign language interpreters. On-site interpreters are also available upon request.

#### What if I'm turned down for federal disaster assistance?

• Applicants from the federally designated counties have **60 days** from the date on FEMA's decision letter to file an appeal.