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Disaster Recovery Process Begins In Franklin County

West Frankfort residents begin a long road to recovery.

(Franklin County, Illinois) Emergency Management and Red Cross officials were a visible sight in West Frankfort yesterday. Emergency Management Director Ryan M. Buckingham directed FCEMA personnel to begin taking preliminary damage assessments, and provide recovery information to affected citizens. "Today's activities were the first steps in the process of disaster recovery" said Director Buckingham. "We have coordinated our damage assessment activities with the American Red Cross". Buckingham said the data collected will be forwarded to the State of Illinois's Unified Area Command in Williamson County.

In addition to damage assessment, FCEMA and Red Cross personnel handed out disaster recovery guides to local residents. "It is important that citizens have the proper information on how to recover from a flood". The FCEMA website www.franklincountyema.com has addition information about the disaster, as well as an online publication from the American Red Cross and FEMA entitled; "**Repairing Your Flooded Home**". The information provided in the guide will assist local residents with tips on how to safely clean up contaminated water, mold management, draining basements, and more. If you would like additional information about the flooding disaster recovery efforts, you can contact the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency at 618-439-4EMA.

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