
From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2013 5:56 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Haley, Michael; Pitts, Ted; Patel, Swati; Mayer, Doug; Taillon, Jeff; Symmes, Brian
Subject: Re: EMD Update - Georgetown Fire

Plan one big follow up press conf in Georgetown to lay all of this out.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 04:47 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
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Subject: RE: EMD Update - Georgetown Fire

Governor,

Below is the latest update of action items. On Monday, after a short meeting with you regarding the Executive Order, we will be able to package these efforts together for public release.

- Front Street Fire Relief Fund – More than **\$60,000** has been donated to the Fund. The Disbursement Committee has formed and has already given a portion for the immediate relief for food, clothing, and shelter to affected citizens. The website was created this week for donations as well: <http://georgetownfirerelief.com/>
- SBA Declaration – The SBA Disaster Declaration was approved this afternoon. The temporary Disaster Loan Outreach Center will open on Tuesday for affected individuals to apply for loans.
- Executive Order (Commerce and DEW) – An Executive Order can be issued to trigger two methods of relief: (1) CBDG funds from Commerce could be reallocated to the city to rebuild public property, such as sidewalks and water/sewer; and (2) UI taxes to affected businesses with displaced workers would not be charged. A draft Executive Order has been prepared and will be ready for signature on Monday.
- PRT – Duane has compiled a marketing support plan for Georgetown, which includes allocating \$20,000 of PRT's marketing money to market Georgetown in the spring.
- DOR – Upon request, a restaurant owner whose business burned has already made plans to reopen nearby. DOR has expedited his liquor license so that he can open prior to the Wooden Boat Show on Oct. 19th.
- Letters – Your signed letters to the injured firefighters and police officer were mailed earlier this week.

If you have any questions or concerns over the weekend, please let me know. Thank you.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 4:09 PM
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Subject: EMD Update - Georgetown Fire

Governor,

I've touched base with numerous local and state officials today, and the City seems to have transitioned well into recovery mode. Below are updates on the recovery efforts you have helped put into place.

Front Street Fire Relief Fund: More than **\$15,000.00** has been donated to the Fund thus far with many commitments, mostly corporate, still outstanding. The local committee governing this fund will meet for the first time tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

State Agency Recovery Actions:

- **DEW's Visit:** Cheryl Stanton and DEW Officials visited on Friday to meet with the affected business owners (all but one business attended the meeting), and DEW is returning on Wednesday to meet with the displaced workers. My understanding from both sides is that DEW's presence was appreciated and well-received.
- **PRT's Visit:** Duane Parrish and PRT officials are visiting this afternoon. Duane will be dedicating tourism resources to the City and presenting a donation of \$1,200.00 to the Fund, which was collected over the weekend from visitors at the Atalaya Arts and Crafts Festival at Huntington Beach State Park.
- **EMD's Actions:** EMD is helping with the SBA Declaration (see below).
- **Commerce's Actions:** Commerce is helping with the CDBG funding (see below) and has also requested assistance from various business groups, including the SC Small Business Development Centers Director Janet Graham as well as the Grand Strand SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) District Director Norman Paige.

Possible Federal and State Funding:

1. **SBA Declaration Status:** Federal and state officials are conducting the Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment today to see if affected businesses can qualify for SBA funding.
2. **CDBG Status:** The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides a condition for declared disasters and emergencies where funds can be used to acquire real property, conduct construction, or make improvements to public and private property. Procedural Steps: (1) The Governor must declare a disaster; and (2) the Secretary of Commerce must issue a mandate ordering up to 10% of the unobligated allocation to be set aside. (At this time, as much as \$1 million could be reallocated to assist the affected property owners.)

Next Steps:

- **Issuing an Executive Order:** You will most likely need to issue an executive order declaring a disaster in order to trigger SBA and CDBG funding streams that might be available. More updates on this are expected within the next 24 hours.
- **Publicizing Upcoming Georgetown Events:** Two events were mentioned to you during your visit – the **Georgetown Bridge2Bridge Half Marathon and 5K** on Saturday, October 12, 2013 (www.bridge2bridgerun.com) and the **Georgetown Wooden Boat Show** on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. (www.woodenboatshow.com). I will send a reminder out the week before each event so that these can be Facebooked.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Rebecca