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FEMA Updates Community About Flood Risk

And Protections At Virtual Open House

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has revised the flood insurance rate maps for Upper Raritan River communities in Hunterdon County, offering new information about flood risk, insurance rates and how community members can better protect themselves in case of flood, Hunterdon County Public Safety Director Brayden J. Fahey has announced.

Public Safety Director Fahey stated, "We encourage our property owners and tenants in the South Branch Raritan River basin communities of Clinton Town, Clinton Township, Franklin, Readington and Raritan Townships to review these updated products from the FEMA."

For more information or to access the flood maps, visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov

"These maps are used to reflect flood risk and to inform about the need for flood insurance. Modifications can add or remove properties needing to carry flood insurance policies. Our Office of Emergency Management is available to offer assistance to the members of our community," Fahey said.

According to FEMA, flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. Flooding often occurs after a hurricane, thawing of snow and ice in the spring, or several days of sustained rain. FEMA offers a National Flood Insurance Program to homeowners in the United States to help reduce the costs from damaging flood waters.

Hunterdon County Board of Commissioner Deputy Director John E. Lanza said, "This information from FEMA about the new map lines is critically important to homeowners. The Board and I thank our Public Safety Director, Brayden J. Fahey, for bringing this important information to our residents."

The virtual Open House in April informed Somerset and Hunterdon County residents about map changes which may now include their home in a high-risk flood zone, for the first time. These changes affect property owners in that they may now be required to purchase flood insurance.

Visit floodsmart.gov for flood insurance information. You may also contact a map specialist at the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at (877) 336-2627 or FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov.