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SUMMIT ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PREPAREDNESS

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(*Trenton*) The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) is hosting a summit on emergency management and preparedness on December 7, 2012 at the Trenton County Club in Trenton.

"In the wake of the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy, this important and timely collection of county, state, and utility company officials will provied a unique opportunity to hear how they prepared for and responded to one of the most devastating natural disasters to hit our great State," said NJAC President and Warren County Freeholder Rick Gardner.

This highly anticipated event begins at 8:30 a.m. with an NJAC board of directors meeting comprised of county leaders from across the State, followed by a 10:00 a.m. panel discussion with representatives from the State Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. This panel also will include a county emergency management coordinator, a county public works director, and a public information officer. NJAC will host a second panel discussion at 11:30 a.m. with the State's leading utility companies: PSE&G, Verizon, and United Water. BPU Commissioner Nicholas Asselta will join this group as well, and NJ 101.5's Kevin McArdle will moderate both panel discussions. FEMA Region II Administrator Lynn Gilmore Canton will close the event at 1:00 p.m. as the keynote speaker.

"With a wealth of experience in disaster planning, response, and recovery, the FEMA Region II Administrator will provide valuable insight on the Agency's role in our State's recovery and available resources for homeowners, businesses, and local governments impacted by Hurricane Sandy," commented Gardner.

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars. Please visit our website at www.njac.org for additional details.