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### **CITY OF GARY, LOCAL AND STATE AGENCIES HELP GARY RESIDENTS THROUGH FLOOD DAMAGE PROCESS**

**Gary, Indiana**-The City of Gary is working with state and local agencies to assist Gary residents through the flood damage process.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security will join the Gary Fire Department, the Gary Building Department and other local agencies starting Tuesday, March 6, 2018 when the city goes door-to-door in neighborhoods affected by the recent floods. State and city surveyors will help residents complete a 5 minute Damage Assessment Survey. While the survey is NOT an application for assistance, it is part of the state's request to the federal government to be declared a disaster area. Surveyors will NOT enter the home. All surveyors will have either a state or city badge. If federal or state funds do become available, an announcement will be made on city public access channels, city social media, and the city website. For questions, please call 219-881-1311.

Residents are also advised that City of Gary staff is available to help those needing assistance with completing the survey and other forms. The city continues to reach out to residents who have contacted the city, offering to assist them in completing the survey over the phone in case someone doesn't have computer access. Residents may call 881-1311, a staff member will ask the survey questions and submit it on their behalf.

Residents may additionally obtain information by visiting the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's **One Stop Shop** located at the Polk Elementary School gymnasium located at 2460 Vermillion Street, Lake Station, Indiana. The shop is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Residents may also visit the City of GARY information Center at 401 Broadway.

The Red Cross will also visit Gary neighborhoods affected by floods to provide cleaning kits and information regarding local agencies that may be able to provide emergency

services. Cleaning kits, Tyvek suits, and gloves can also be picked up at the Calumet Township Trustee's Multi-Purpose Center 1900 W 41<sup>st</sup> Ave Gary 219-880-4900.

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