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Office of the Mayor of Plainfield

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Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs

PLAINFIELD - The Office of the Mayor is very pleased with the hard work that was done this weekend for keeping our residents safe during Hurricane Irene. "The hard work demonstrated by our countless employees and citizen volunteers truly helped to ensure the safety of all of the residents of Plainfield," said Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs "The word thank you just does not seem adequate enough to convey my many thanks."

There was a coordinated effort by The Office of Emergency Management, the Police, Fire, Public Works, Inspections, IT/Media Departments, the PMUA, Plainfield Senior Center, Plainfield Rescue Squad and the Plainfield Public Schools. This joint effort was extremely well coordinated with all stakeholders working as one.

Plainfield had three evacuation centers; The Plainfield Senior Center, Emerson and Washington Elementary Schools to address the needs of the residents. There were 100 residents who were able to utilize these facilities. On average, the Fire Department will yield 12 alarm calls, during the hurricane that number increased to 200. Our Fire Department was also able to rescue over 100 residents from flooded homes. The Plainfield School District was able to also assist with buses and drivers with retrieval of residents.

"The IT/Media Department were able to keep City Residents informed of up to the moment information with posting on the website as well as a phone number for residents to call in for updates," said Mayor Robinson-Briggs "Knowing that information was readily available was a comfort for our residents."

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