



**Emergency Management  
Tribal Newsletter Article  
August 2015 Report**

**A. Tribal storm shelter program.**

As of June 30, there have been 63 shelters completed for tribal members. We are anticipating that the other 29 shelters should be completed by the end of September. Thank you for your patience during the past couple of months while we waited for the wet weather to subside. Once the shelters have been completed, the homeowner will need to **register their shelter with their local fire department.** If you need help finding your local fire department, contact the Emergency Manager at 405-740-1562.

**B. Red Cross**

Power Outage - The tribal residents in the Bob Crouch area in Tecumseh experienced a power outage August 8-11, when it was very hot with heat indexes over 100 degrees. The Tecumseh emergency manager set up a relief shelter which was opened by the Red Cross at the Tecumseh City Hall. Red Cross advised that tribal members who experienced loss of food and are receiving DHS benefits, can make a request to this agency for help in replacing food lost.

The Red Cross was able to provide the following information for future reference:

- Food Loss: If an individual receives DHS food assistance, sometimes they will grant emergency funds to replace food lost in power outages
  - Tecumseh has a food pantry that may be able to assist:
    - Highland Church of Christ  
905 E Walnut  
Tecumseh, OK  
405-598-3514
- There are also several food pantries in Shawnee that may be able to assist as well.
  - Shawnee Mission, 126 S. Center, 405-273-2248
  - Simons Peters Store House, 3331 N. Kickapoo

**C. Disaster Declaration/FEMA/OK State Emergency Management**

FEMA Damage Assessment team has worked with Asaycia Clayton, Procurement Director, and Sherry Drywater, ASHA Executive Director in the assessment of damages to tribal buildings and the houses in the Burning Wood Addition. Also the FEMA team held a mitigation assessment to come up with a plan to prevent future damages to these structures and houses.

## **D. Training**

CERT (Community Emergency Management Team) Training will be held in September on the 14-25, 9-11 am. Those attending the training are volunteers from the Little Axe Clinic organized by Darrell Longhorn who will be the instructor. We look forward to having our first AST CERT team. Thanks to Mr. Longhorn for his efforts to further readiness of the clinic for emergencies.

## **Meetings/Events.**

- FEMA Site Inspections at Tribal Complex (Bldgs), AST Housing Authority (houses)
- FEMA Mitigation Inspections – Tribal Complex & AST Housing
- EOC Mgmt Class, Don Lynch, Instructor @ Expo Center – July 30-31
- ITEMC Meeting Chickasha VoTech, August 11