

## **INFORMATION SHARING WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (IGA) STAKEHOLDERS:**

- In addition to Branch Directors and Division Supervisors, Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) specialists are also available to local officials for direct support in the field.
- Intergovernmental Affairs Specialists are now either embedded or in contact with the Councils of Government (COGs) with Direct Housing Missions.
- Information sharing with stakeholders is a common practice (and a priority) on disaster operations. (As long as not personal identifiable information).
- Transparency is a top priority for us. Information is readily available on several communication platforms and we are happy to share those platforms with our IGA partners.
  - Disaster-specific website – [www.fema.gov/disaster/4332](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332)
  - FB Harvey - <https://www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey/>
- Daily, Weekly Monthly information products to include daily fact sheets, reports, news releases, etc. are shared with stakeholders on a continuous basis.
- Staff at all levels (Intergovernmental Affairs, Branch, Division, JFO Senior Leadership, Regional Senior Leadership) are available to meet with IGA partners:
  - By phone, email, in person
  - At speakers' bureau events, discussion panels, etc.
  - Via scheduled update calls (Monday, 2pm GLO Direct Housing Update Call)
  - At joint media news conferences (preferably with state partner (GLO, or TDEM) in attendance)
- **The only setting we do not participate in are Public Hearings:**
  - On occasion, DHS employees are asked to testify before non-federal (e.g., state, local, county, tribal, or territorial government) legislative bodies.
  - It has been a long-standing policy for DHS employees not to testify before these entities.
  - This policy is based on the need to conserve an employee's time for conducting official federal business; to minimize the possibility of involving the Department in controversial issues not related to OHS missions; and to protect sensitive information and deliberative processes.
  - We can, however support informal briefings.

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