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Hello Residents,

North Plainfield sustained severe damage from Hurricane Ida. The water came down Somerset Street with such force that it moved the center barriers on Route 22. The water continued on Somerset Street onto Mountain Avenue while a large volume made its way to Greenbrook Road and surrounding streets. The fast moving water took vehicles and any debris that was in its path. Many homes and properties were damaged throughout the borough with two homes coming off their foundations, becoming uninhabitable. Police, Fire, EMS and DPW worked throughout the storm and all day today to help residents in whatever way they could.

The NPDF is maintaining a running list of the addresses of residents in need of basement pump outs. Any resident who requires those services should contact our fire headquarters at 908 769-2935. Be prepared to estimate the amount of water you have in your home and provide a good call back phone number they will add you to the list. The NPDF will get to you and your home or business as soon as they possibly can. They assist residents with general pump outs in between other Fire and EMS related emergencies which must take a priority. For this reason, sometimes it can take a while, especially considering the magnitude of this major storm and the amount of homes and businesses affected.

Anyone who has a true fire or EMS emergency should always call 9-1-1 rather than calling the fire department directly. As a cautious reminder, if your utilities were affected by the storm, do not attempt to address those types of problems on your own. Contact a licensed electrician or plumber for electric and gas repairs. If you have a true electric or gas emergency, call 9-1-1 and all occupants should evacuate the home or business.

Any resident or business owner who is uncertain of how to address any of these types of storm related issues, can always feel free to contact the fire department and we will assist you as best as we can.

Cleanup efforts will continue around the Borough. The flooding has subsided on all roads and they are all open with the exception of a portion of Maple Avenue and the washed out bridge at Grove Street near Walnut. Over 70 disabled vehicles on roadways and lawns have been removed. We will continue removing disabled vehicles tonight and tomorrow until we get to them all. Many roads have extensive damage with blacktop being ripped up by the force of the water. They are passable but please drive carefully and make way for our emergency and DPW vehicles.

Borough personnel and subcontractors will be working as quickly as possible to clean up and make needed repairs. Please understand that some of these repairs may take some time due to scheduling and coordination. We appreciate your patience.

DPW will be picking up damaged household items in the flooded areas. Put any storm related items at the curb as soon as possible. We plan to begin picking up these items on or about Wednesday, September 8th. Please do not place hazardous materials at the curb. Items deemed hazardous will not be picked up. Crews will work from the west end of the Borough to east end making one pass through.

If you see something that you feel looks or may be unsafe, please report it to the DPW office at 908-769-2914.

My office will post updates as needed. As always, anyone can call my office at 908 769-2902 with questions. Please be safe everyone!

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