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**COUNTY APPLIES FOR FEMA FUNDING
FOR COST OF SNOW STORMS**

(SALEM, NJ)--Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee, today announced that the County has applied for \$243,750 in FEMA funding to cover the cost of the December 2009 snow storm, which was 75% of the County's incurred costs. The County has already submitted a request for reimbursement for the February 5 & 6th snow storm in the amount of approximately \$337,000 and will submit another request following this latest snow storm. FEMA was set to evaluate previous requests today, but this has been delayed due to the latest snow storm. The County is eligible for a maximum reimbursement of 75% of incurred costs.

"As soon as our costs are compiled for this last storm, we will once again submit for reimbursement," said Freeholder Bobbitt. "Our requests are sent to the State Office of Emergency Management and then submitted to FEMA for their on-site review and possible approval of our requests. We are committed to safety and fiscal responsibility. We are hoping that FEMA will be here next week to review our previously submitted requests. Any funding that we can receive from FEMA will be a relief to our residents."

To qualify for a Federal Disaster Declaration, FEMA has a set per- capita amount of approved damages (Overtime, supplies, equipment expenses) the County must incur.

Freeholder Bobbitt also commented on the state of current County conditions.

"Our crews were beginning at 2 AM this morning," said Freeholder Bobbitt. "Our team has done a fine job in clearing many of our County roads and we appreciate their efforts. Our county offices were able to resume operations as of 11 AM. Our employees were encouraged to use good judgment on making a decision to come in today, but we were committed to opening to continue to serve our residents. Many of our employees did come in and we are pleased to be open for business."

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