

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Mayor Carolann Garafola and members of the Warren Township Committee have announced today that the Register Ready program is now available in Warren Township. Register Ready is a New Jersey State initiative that allows all residents with special needs to sign up for the free, voluntary and confidential program that would identify those who may need assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency. The New Jersey Special Needs Registry is designed to help emergency responders locate and safely evacuate people who find it difficult to help themselves in the event of any kind of major disaster. The Warren Register Ready program is under the supervision of the Office of Emergency Management and Coordinator Jane Asch.

“This is an important component to implement an emergency response with residents with special needs” said Mayor Garafola. “This confidential information will be shared only with local and regional response personnel so they can be prepared for the number of special needs residents who may need help, and to access the kind of assistance which might be necessary”.

People with special needs or caregivers acting on their behalf are encouraged to register electronically by going to the following website: [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov). Alternatively, they can call New Jersey toll free 2-1-1 telephone service. This service will register people, offer free translation, and provide TTY services for the hearing impaired. Paper registration forms are also available at the Township Clerk’s office, by calling Ms. Patricia DiRocco at 908-753-8000 x 221, or by writing to Warren Township Municipal Building, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, N.J. 07059.

“Warren Township wants to be prepared to help all of its residents, particularly those with special needs” said Jane Asch OEM Coordinator, “Please help us to help you during a disaster by registering now”. For further information or questions, residents may contact Mayor Carolann Garafola at 908-647-6538.”