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NJMC EXPANDS SHARED SERVICES

Equipment Improves Efficiency and Safety, Saves Taxpayer Dollars

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is expanding its shared equipment pool, a move that will significantly increase efficiency and safety during flood incidents and other emergencies in District municipalities. The Commission will add a Trailer Mounted Light Tower, root cutter, and two diesel-engine Dri-Prime pumps, the NJMC Board of Commissioners announced today.

“The addition of this important equipment will greatly strengthen the ability of the NJMC and municipal DPW staff to work in emergency conditions,” said Joseph Doria, Chairman of the NJMC and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. “It is also an example of the NJMC’s commitment to shared services, an essential tool in helping save taxpayer dollars.”

The NJMC’s shared equipment pool is available to all 14 Meadowlands District municipalities free of charge. The Trailer Mounted Light Tower has four 1,000 watt metal halide lights and rotates 360 degrees, allowing emergency crews to turn night into day and work in adverse conditions. The root cutter will allow workers using the NJMC’s jet-vac truck to move significantly quicker when repairing damaged sewer lines. The Dri-Prime Pumps are an invaluable tool for draining flood waters.

The NJMC recently announced that its jet-vac truck and camera truck are now on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The camera truck is capable of taking video footage of sewer lines for municipalities while the jet-vac can remove debris that may be clogging sewer lines or storm drains. Both are available to District municipalities at no charge.

“Emergencies can happen at any time, and the Commission in turn has a responsibility to serve our communities day or night,” said Robert Ceberio, Executive Director of the NJMC. “Instituting an on-call service for use of our equipment pool is a great benefit for the District.”

The NJMC is funding the \$80,000 cost of the equipment through its Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural Economic Transformation (MAGNET) program.

