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Transcript:

Governor Christie: So let me start by thanking the County Executive and the Mayor and all the people who worked for them, many of whom I've gotten to meet inside. They've responded extraordinarily well to a really, really awful circumstance. Mary Pat and I were watching this as it was going on last night. At that time I called members of the Cabinet and the State Police to make sure that we were engaged. We were and have been and will continue to be. We're helping to staff the community center there with the county employees and the municipal employees to make sure that people's needs are addressed. The Commissioner Of Banking and Insurance is in there, {video starts here} the Commissioner of Community Affairs, the head of the Motor Vehicle Commission, are all there trying make this transition as comfortable as we can for the residents of the state. I also want to thank the folks at Avalon, who are helping as well – appreciate them being there and providing an opportunity for people to be housed and also to help them bridge during this difficult time. I came up here just to let folks know that the state is completely engaged, I've been engaged since all this started last night and will continue to be here at the highest level to make sure that we're addressing the needs of the folks who have been, really, awfully effected by this. I want to thank the emergency management folks in particular - police and fire and OEM, who did an extraordinary job. The fact that there was no loss of life here is really a blessing - an enormous blessing. And we have to make sure that with the loss of property and the displacement is awful and difficult to deal with, we're not dealing with the loss of human life and that's really important. So, I pledge to the county executive and to the mayor to continue to be engaged and involved at every level no matter what they need. We'll continue to do that. As I said to them, unfortunately our administration over the last five years has had to deal with a lot of circumstances likes this. The one good part of that is that our cabinet is fairly well trained, making sure that we respond appropriately and effectively. So, I want to introduce the county executive for some remarks. He's going to introduce the mayor for some remarks, then we'll come back for just a few questions. So,

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County Executive James Tedesco III: Thanks Governor. First let me start by again reiterating the remarks of the Governor on the outstanding work that was done by the first responders. Over 500 first responders were here last night in an effort to contain a raging inferno and it was with their efforts that they were able to stop and contain that fire to what it is today. I'm very pleased for the response on behalf of Bergen County. There's been many, many Bergen County agencies here last night and tonight and I'm just going to give you a few examples of those agencies that have provided support throughout the last day and a half. We have our Bergen Community Action Partnership, Bergen County Volunteer Center, Bergen County Homeless Shelter, Bergen County Housing Authority, Bergen County Board of Social Services, Bergen County Community Transportation, those busses that you see. It's been our focus for the care of the people of Edgewater and the care of the first responders. I can't thank the Governor enough for his efforts, both personally and from the support that we've received from his administration. For the people of Bergen County to come together and support the community of Edgewater, this is what makes Bergen County, the county that we are. And we will continue to be here over the next days and weeks to support the mayor and the people of Bergen County.

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