Disaster Summary Outline

**Identify Damages**
Begin to identify damages right away. Track costs and relevant paperwork.
Document, Document, Document!

**Start DSO Process**
Submit a DSO as soon as you identify there are damages within the jurisdiction.
Best Practice - Update the DSO at the end of each operational period.

**Launch of Data Collection Tools**
It's important to track and collect data in real time. Utilizing standardized tools can assist in this process: iSTAT, pSTAT, windshield and field assessments.
Photos and locations are important!

**Select Assessment Team**
Assessment teams should consist of individuals that know the community and local infrastructure.
Example: Road and Bridge, CERT, County Volunteers, etc. can receive Just In Time training to perform the needed tasks.

**TDEM Verifies Damages**
TDEM verifies the locally reported damages received via the iSTAT / pSTAT and submits to FEMA for their certification.

**pSTAT is now the JointPDA**
Due to the nature of COVID-19, Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments are not taking place in the field. FEMA is now utilizing data collected within the pSTAT to certify damages.

**Potentially support a disaster declaration and federal assistance**
Your identified and reported damages could potentially support a disaster declaration and request for federal assistance.
If FEMA doesn't see it reported, they don't know it exists!

**Continue to Update DSO**
Utilizing damage estimates from your assessment tools, continue to revise and improve your data within the DSO.

Contact your TDEM District Coordinator with any questions.