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## ***OBAMA CALLS HEALY! Whitehouse Wakeup Call to Offer Aid After Hurricane Sandy Wreaks Havoc***

**JERSEYCITY – President Barack Obama personally called Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy early this morning at his home to inform the mayor that he is closely monitoring the impact of Hurricane Sandy and to ensure that federal help is one the way.**

The surprise call to Healy came at about 12:30 a.m. just as the Mayor returned home after a long day and night in the Office of Emergency Management where he and other city officials coordinated the emergency response to the havoc caused by Hurricane Sandy. After a day of unprecedented flooding in the city, trees uprooted and hundreds needing to be evacuated to OEM established shelters, a call from the President was not a call the Mayor anticipated.

“After coming through the hell our residents faced with this storm, that call was a nice ray of sunshine, Healy said. “One of his aids called first to make sure I was available and asked, would I accept a call from the president? I was shocked, but my response was, of course I’ll take a call from the president.”

According to Healy, who spent the day visiting flooded areas and families evacuated to shelters established by the city’s OEM Sunday night - a full 24 hours before the storm’s peak, President Obama said that Jersey City has always been a friend to him and that he would do all that he could to make sure that Jersey City and the people impacted by the storm across the country would receive assistance from the federal government.

President Obama told Mayor Healy that he is monitoring the impact of the storm and that he would do all he could to make sure that communities impacted by the storm would get assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“I was pleased and so honored that the president called, I mean to take the time out of his busy schedule to show concern for us,” Healy said. “We’re grateful to the President for his offer of assistance and we look forward to working closely with FEMA to obtain any aid they can provide. I know we still will have our hands full in the days to come with the cleanup and whatever damages Hurricane Sandy has brought upon us. But Jersey City people are resilient, and we will get through this.”///