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DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE 8/28/12

Hurricane Isaac

Tropical Storm Isaac first impacted Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands on August 24th. Currently the storm has moved west of Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico, with a likely impact to eastern Louisiana, Mississippi and western Alabama. On August, 28th the storm intensified to a category 1 Hurricane. More than 190 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members have been deployed to affected areas.

NEW American Red Cross AmeriCorps National Program

August 28th

23 National Preparedness Response Corps, an American Red Cross National AmeriCorps program have been deployed along the Gulf Coast. These members are supporting sheltering operations, operating Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV), assisting with logistics, staffing, and mass feeding.

NEW American Red Cross AmeriCorps State Program

August 28th

12 AmeriCorps members from New York American Red Cross chapters have deployed to Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi to assist with shelter operations, mass care, government relations and logistics and transportation.

ALABAMA

NEW American Red Cross AmeriCorps State Program

August 28th

6 AmeriCorps State American Red Cross members from Illinois have deployed to Alabama as part of an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) crew.

FLORIDA

NEW American Red Cross AmeriCorps State Program

August 27th

10 members are preparing kid-friendly shelter kits for use in shelters in Pensacola.

LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE, LA

NEW American Red Cross AmeriCorps State

August 27th

3 AmeriCorps members are assisting in operating shelters in the Baton Rouge community.

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

August 28th

3 members will fly to Baton Rouge, LA this morning to assist with shelter operations. Another 28 members from the Atlantic region are on stand-by and awaiting deployment.

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HAHNVILLE, LA

NEW RSVP

August 28th

25 RSVP volunteers are assisting with St. Charles Parish evacuations.

10 RSVP volunteers are assisting with call center support providing information to the public.

MADISONVILLE, LA

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region

August 27th

21 NCCC members have been deployed to Madisonville, to assist the American Red Cross with shelter operations.

NEW ORLEANS, LA

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region

August 27th

A 10 member team, worked with Evacuteer 311 Call Center in New Orleans, fielding calls and providing preparedness information to the public. Today, August 28th, the team will deploy to the American Red Cross South Louisiana chapter in Madisonville, LA to support shelter operations.

SHREVEPORT, LA

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region

August 27th

9 member team, has deployed to Shreveport, LA to assist the American Red Cross with shelter management.

MISSISSIPPI

NEW American Red Cross National AmeriCorps Program

August 27th

4 American Red Cross members have been deployed from Philadelphia to Mississippi to assist in shelter operations within the state.

GULFPORT, MS

NEW RSVP

August 27th

15 RSVP volunteers from the Handy Man Brigade are assisting disabled seniors with home preparation for storm impact, assisting the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center with communications. RSVP volunteers are also assisting with transportation of seniors to American Red Cross shelters. Additionally, RSVP volunteers are on stand-by with the local Red Cross chapter to assist with shelter operations and the RSVP CERT team is in place for emergency response when

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the storm passes. The RSVP program is also reaching out to known vulnerable seniors to identify any unmet needs.

JACKSON, MS

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region

August 27th

20 members have been deployed to Jackson to assist the American Red Cross Capitol River Chapter with shelter operations.

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region

August 27th

10 members, have been deployed to assist the United Way of the Capital Area in staffing the 2-1-1 Mississippi Call Center. River 10 will field calls and provide preparedness information to the public.

TROPICAL STORM DEBBY

In late June, Tropical Storm Debby flooded thousands of homes, washed out roads, opened up sinkholes and closed a section of Interstate 10 — the state's main east-west highway. Four people were killed in the storm. In the Tampa area, more than 20 sinkholes opened up from the flash flooding. Water was up to the roofs at some homes in low lying areas of Live Oak, Fla., on Wednesday. Several feet of water remained around businesses in downtown near the courthouse and many roads were impassable.

LAKE CITY, FL

AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region

August 11th

A 10 member team will be deploying August 11th to Lake City, Florida, to support the work of Lake City Regional Office of Catholic Charities (in partnership with Columbia County Emergency Management), performing mucking and gutting operations in flooded homes, as well as delivering disaster recovery information door-to-door, and cleaning any remaining debris in neighborhoods. River 10 will be deployed until September 7th.

WESTERN WILDFIRES

Approximately 200 AmeriCorps members and RSVP volunteers deployed to fight wildfires, manage volunteers and donations, operate emergency shelters, and support call centers in Colorado, New Mexico and Utah since late June. Members of AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps State & National, and RSVP programs are working with federal, state, and local government agencies, the American Red Cross, the United Way, Adventist Community Services, and other organizations. Additional teams are being deployed as conditions evolve.

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KITTITAS COUNTY, WA

UPDATE Washington Conservation Corps

August 28th

After twelve days of responding to the Taylor Bridge Fire, the 15 member crew from Washington Conservation Corps has demobilized. This fire has been downgraded to a Type 3 incident. Prior to their demobilization, the crew assisted in demobilizing nearly 800 people and inventorying supplies.

NEW DISASTER EVENTS

For information on new disaster events, please visit FEMA's daily situation report at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/index.shtm>

Resources

Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990

The Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7, year-round crisis counseling and support. The Helpline is staffed by trained counselors from a network of crisis call centers located across the United States, all of whom provide:

- Crisis counseling for those who are in emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster
- Information on how to recognize distress and its effects on individuals and families
- Tips for healthy coping
- Disaster-specific resources and referral information.

Colorado Wildfire Assistance

For those interested in assisting those affected by the wildfires in Colorado, please visit: www.HelpColoradoNow.org. This website identifies ways to donate time or resources to those in need.

If you would like to learn more about how you can assist communities affected by disaster visit www.serve.gov. If you would like to learn more about how to prepare your family and or community please visit www.ready.gov.