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DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE

Friends and Partners,

Our hearts continue to go out to the many that have been affected by the spring storms, tornados, wildfires, flooding and most recently throughout the Northeast, Hurricane /Tropical Storm Irene. Our federal and nonprofit partners including FEMA, the State Service Commissions, Hands On, National VOAD members, all of our grantees and the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) have extraordinary disaster response capabilities and have been working tirelessly for many, many, months. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment demonstrated by these extraordinary groups.

If you would like to learn more about you can help visit www.serve.gov or <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/howtohelp.shtm> If you would like to learn more about how to prepare your family and or community please visit www.ready.gov .

Over 400 National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), Retired Senior Volunteer Participants (RSVP's), State Service Commissions and AmeriCorps State members have served in over 13 states in response to Hurricane Irene.

TEXAS WILDFIRES

On Sept 5 a wildfire raced through rain-starved farm and rangeland in Central Texas, causing an evacuation of almost 5,000 residents and destroying 500 homes.

Central Texas

Washington Conservation

American Youthworks

Under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment two AmeriCorps grantee programs 30 members deployed to Austin, Texas where they are coordinating a Volunteer Reception Center and facilitate donations management.

Deployment Dates Sept 19 – October 30

HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM IRENE

August 20-August 29th Hurricane Irene wound up by most estimates as one of the top ten most destructive and deadly hurricanes to hit the United States since 1980. While ultimately not as powerful as many had predicted, the storm still killed at least 27 people along its path from the Caribbean to the eastern seaboard. Transportation was shut down all along the east coast, stranding residents and tourists in shelters, airports, and train stations. More than 5.8 million customers lost electricity, thousands of flights were cancelled, flooding washed out roads and destroyed homes, and evacuation orders were issued for hundreds of thousands. Gathered here are pictures from the Hurricane's path. -- Lane Turner

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Connecticut

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

A team of 7 NCCC members will deploy on September 7, 2011 to Middletown, CT under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment to assist in operations post-Hurricane Irene. Members will be responsible for supporting the capacity of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, coordinating volunteers, and supporting donations management.

Massachusetts

Homeland security Corps, an AmeriCorps State program, deployed one member to support the American Red Cross in conducting damage assessments throughout Massachusetts.

UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

Two NCCC Teams (approximately 20 members) deployed to assist the city of Springfield with long term recovery in the Springfield area.

New Jersey

AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region

Morristown and Tinton Falls, New Jersey

Deployment Dates: August 27 - September 17th

33 NCCC members deployed through the Cedar Rapids American Red Cross Chapter assisting with shelter operations throughout New Jersey. 15 members are working in Fairfield, NJ performing Mass Care. 17 members are working in Bergen County, NJ maintaining a shelter.

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Tinton Falls, NJ

30 NCCC Members deployed 9.1.11 in support of the Delmarva Chapter of the American Red Cross to support Tinton Falls Chapter operations.

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Trenton, NJ

2 NCCC members are scheduled to deploy 9.6.11 to Trenton, NJ, under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment, to assist in consolidating data from the 211 call system and supporting the state VOAD in the Joint Field Office (JFO).

Teach for America

3 Teach for America Volunteers are supporting New Jersey Cares an affiliate of Hands on Network. Members are registering volunteers and processing calls.

The state of New Jersey asks that you: "Please, do not collect or send food, water, clothing or household items unless you have a specific request and a delivery location. These items generally cannot be used in the midst of the disaster -- and it can be said that they create a second disaster. If you would like to assist, monetary donations to a non-profit of your choice is the best way to assist in a disaster."

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New York

UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

7 NCCC members deployed 9.23.11 to New York to partner with All Hands in Schoharie County, NY. The team will be on a two week assignment assisting in mucking and gutting operations.

New York City

Homeland Security Corps, an AmeriCorps State program, deployed one member to support the American Red Cross in conducting damage assessments in NYC.

Binghamton, NY & Albany, NY

NCCC Southern Region

44 NCCC Members from the NCCC Southern Region Campus arrived in New York City on 8/31/11 to assist the American Red Cross with shelter operations. The members are overseeing bulk distribution throughout New York State.

Members are assisting daily with volunteer coordination and orientation, sheltering service office assistance, mental health office assistance, shelter staffing (day and night shifts), answering phones, cooking and distributing food, warehousing (loading and unloading trucks and Emergency Response Vehicles(ERVs)), bulk distribution (delivering supplies and food to shelters, and ride-along in ERVs), logistics office assistance, transportation office assistance, information and technology assistance.

Schenectady, NY

On Thursday & Friday Sept. 1st & 2nd AmeriCorps and Youthbuild volunteers from Northeast Parent & Child Society deployed to the Stockade area of Schenectady to help victims of Hurricane Irene clean up their homes. WTEN, Channel 10 was there to document the event and did a feature story about the staff and students who helped people to reorganize their lives. <http://www.wten.com/Global/category.asp?C=172705&autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=6213887&flvUri=&partnerclipid>

White Plains, NY

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

White Plains, NY

9 NCCC Members are scheduled to deploy 9.2.11 to White Plains, NY under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment. NCCC members will support the NY State VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) with volunteer coordination and donations management.

NY State Service Commission: New Yorkers Volunteer

In addition to the activation of the NCCC AmeriCorps Teams, please find information regarding the AmeriCorps*State activity of five members in response to Hurricane Irene in New York State. I'll continue to update you as other members are activated. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 518-473-8882.

- Regan Miller and Liesl Schanz are assisting with Mass Care in the Red Cross Central New York Region, specifically in Oneida and Herkimer Counties.

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- Naishah Hempfield is assisting with Mass Care in the Lower Hudson Valley where she will provide support to shelters in the region.
- Caitlin Foley is assisting with Partner Services in the Lower Hudson Valley where she will act as a government and community liaison.
- Elvis Hernandez is assisting with the disaster response efforts in the Northeastern NY Red Cross Region due to short staffing for the current response. Elvis will assist with Personnel Services as well as Logistics and Mass Care.

North Carolina

Coastal Community Action

A Coast Community Action member, whose Newport, NC community was flooded, served at shelters over the weekend. The shelter served over 150 people and 60 pets.

Pennsylvania

UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

Two NCCC Staff members deployed under a FEMA Mission Assignment to the Joint Field Office (JFO) in Harrisburg, PA. They are on a MA and are working with the FEMA VAL to help assess the need for possible CNCS help (donations and volunteer management, warehousing, debris removal, mucking/gutting etc.) and then assist in the coordination of requesting needed CNCS assets.

Harrisburg

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

Under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment two NCCC staff members will deploy to Pennsylvania to assist FEMA and the PA State Emergency Management Office is assessing damages and needs as a result of Tropical Storm Lee.

Rhode Island

Serve Rhode Island, the RI Commission for National and Community Service, remains very active in Tropical Storm Irene response. Serve Rhode Island is the Point of Contact for coordinating out-of- state and faith-based volunteer groups coming to Rhode Island. 2-1-1 takes requests by homeowners for assistance with debris clean up, targeting services to those unable to afford services (i.e. low income, disable, and elderly). Those requests are being forwarded to SRI who assigns the requests to the out-of-state volunteer teams. We are also recruiting from our Serve Corps Disaster Team, pre- registered and spontaneous volunteers to assist as pullers in the debris removal.

Volunteer Recruitment Efforts Include:

- RI Department of Health - Food Inspectors
- Red Cross - prepping, cooking and serving food to those without power and for the 1 remaining shelter
- RIEMA - answering phones for surge capacity
- 2-1-1 - collecting requests for volunteer debris clean up, priority given to those with low income, disabilities and the elderly

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- Brush Haulers for Clean Up - SRI is pre-registering volunteers for cleanup and has deployed 1 team to a home in Providence

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region
Providence, RI

Rhode Island

Southern RI Volunteers (SRIV)

A team of Southern RI volunteers operated a shelter in Narragansett. SRIV fully staffed the Narragansett RI shelter; 43 clients were provided shelter during TS Irene. Of those clients one individual was fully dependent upon oxygen; on our team we had an RN and the fire fighter assigned to our shelter was also EMS services. The shelter was open from 8 pm Saturday evening until late evening Sunday. Volunteers went in on Friday to pre-set up so that when the call to open came the shelter was ready from the outset.

Blackstone Valley RSVP

An RSVP Leader is overseeing sheltering and RSVP teams in Pawtucket and Central Falls.

Eastbay RSVP/FGP

RSVP and FGP volunteers are supporting sheltering operations in Bristol & East Providence.

UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

Approximately 10 members deployed to Rhode Island on 9.20.11 to assist the VOAD with debris removal which requires chainsaw operators. All members of this team are chainsaw certified from a previous disaster deployment in the spring.

South Carolina

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Carolina Low country American Red Cross RSVP

An RSVP member was deployed to Richmond, VA to help with transportation and logistics in response to the hurricane. Additional RSVP volunteers will be mobilized as needed. Twenty-six Carolina Low country RSVP volunteers have been trained to respond as needed.

Vermont

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4 NCCC members deployed to Bristol, VT under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment to assist in operations post-Hurricane Irene. Members will be responsible for supporting the capacity of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, coordinating volunteers, and supporting donations management.

Virginia

RSVP of the VA Peninsula

Approximately 50 volunteers are working with faith-based organizations and Kiwanis to distribute water and work the phones.

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ALABAMA TORNADES

Severe thunderstorms, winds and massive tornadoes moved through the South on April 27, 2011 and caused significant damage and loss of life.

AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region

Two teams (approximately 20 members) deployed to Habitat for Humanity in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa to assist in long term recovery efforts.

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

Two teams of AmeriCorps NCCC members deployed on September 6, 2011 to Alabama under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment. Members will be responsible for recovery operations as a result of the tornado that hit the area earlier this year.

NEBRASKA FLOODING

Spring 2011 flooding in the Missouri River caused by snowmelt and heavy rains prompted evacuations and displaced residents. Long term recovery efforts throughout the region continue.

AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region

7NCCC members deployed to Bellevue, Nebraska performing Levee Monitoring with the Papio Natural Resource District. This assignment is expected to last until September 9, 2011.

NORTH DAKOTA FLOODING

UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC, Atlantic Region

On Sept 15, 10 NCCC members deployed through the American Red Cross Red Cross to Minot. Members are helping to support a shelter and work directly with clients who have been flooded out of their homes.

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16 NCCC members deployed to Minot, ND to serve with All Hands and Nechama. The members will focus on gutting and mucking homes impacted by 2011 flooding. The members will be on-site in Minot from September 7 – September 28.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CORPS

Irene Response

- Three members have deployed from New Orleans, taking Emergency Response Vehicles to North Carolina and Virginia'
- All six members in Philadelphia are supporting response efforts there.
- One member from St. Louis is in Raleigh, NC working in logistics.

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Elsewhere:

- Meanwhile, all three members in one of our new sites, Sacramento, CA were working their own disaster when a train derailment and fire caused mass evacuations near Sacramento.

PENDING DEPLOYMENTS

CNCS Resources on standby:

AmeriCorps NCCC and the following CNCS Grantee programs are all on standby for a FEMA deployment:

TCCC Hoopa

Minnesota Conservation Corps

Iowa Conservation Corps

Montana Conservation Corps

AmeriCorps St. Louis

Iowa Commission

COMPLETED HURRICANE IRENE DEPLOYMENTS

Delaware

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region Campus

Monday August 29

COMPLETED 32 NCCC members have completed a mission supporting the American Red Cross Delmarva Chapter operating seven shelters throughout Delaware.

Maryland

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

COMPLETE This shelter has been closed as of 8/28/11.

Approximately 6 NCCC Members partnered with the American Red Cross to open a shelter in Talbot, County Maryland.

New Hampshire

NCCC Atlantic Region

Approximately 10 NCCC members are partnered with the NH DHHS Emergency Services and the NH American Red Cross assisting in locating and conducting site surveys on facilities that could be used in case of a disaster. This team was then activated to assist with shelter management in two – three shelters in and around Manchester, NH

UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

A team of 8 NCCC members will deploy on September 7, 2011 to Conway, NH to support Volunteer New Hampshire's request to provide help to a community in Transvale Acres, NH recover from flooding. The team will primarily be involved in mucking and gutting operations.

Rhode Island

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UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

A team of 7 AmeriCorps NCCC members deployed on September 2, 2011 to Providence, RI under the authority of a FEMA Mission Assignment to assist in operations post-Hurricane Irene. Members will be responsible for supporting the capacity of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, coordinating volunteers, and supporting donations management.

Washington DC

FEMA's ESF-6* partners are working in support of the National Recovery Coordination Center (NRCC) and are providing close coordination of ESF-6 activities. CNCS is currently staffing a desk in the FEMA NRCC Red Room.

ESF– Emergency Support Functions. ESF's provide the structure for coordinating Federal interagency support during an emergency.

ESF #6 - Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Human Services Coordinates the delivery of Federal mass care, emergency assistance, housing, and human services when local, tribal, and state response and recovery needs exceed their capabilities.

RESOURCES

Google has partnered with FEMA's Ready.gov for National Preparedness Month to make information about how technology can be used prior to / during a disaster available to first responders and the public. Check out some of these innovative tools by exploring the links below.

- [National Preparedness Month landing page](#) with new case study videos
- [Updated Tools and Resources Page](#) with new case studies and templates
- [Get Tech Ready resource for the public with FEMA and ARC](#)
- [Blog post with stats on the internet and crises](#)
- [Campaign blog post](#)

If you have information pertaining to National Service response to Hurricane Irene or other disaster affected states please email kdegraff@cns.gov.