

3.9.12 DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE

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ILLINOIS TORNADOES

February 29th Early on February 29th the town of Harrisburg, IL was struck by an EF-4 tornado. The Governor declared a State of Emergency for the bottom third of the state, Damages were reported to a strip mall, two hospitals, and 140 homes. Six confirmed fatalities with 100 injuries were reported.

HARRISBURG, IL

NEW Lutheran Social Services of Illinois AmeriCorps

March 8th

Next week ten LSSI AmeriCorps members will be partnering with the 1st Baptist Church in Harrisburg and Williamson County Emergency Management to assist with the cleanup and distribution of needed items such as blankets, bottled water, and food.

INDIANA TORNADOES

March 2nd The National Weather Service received 16 reports of possible tornadoes on Friday, March 2. There were 13 confirmed fatalities in Clark County and five injuries. Media reported the near total destruction of the town of Maryville in Clark County. Several road closures have been reported due to debris.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IN

UPDATE Interfaith Council RSVP

March 6th

The Interfaith Council RSVP in New Albany, IN has sent ten RSVP members to set up and administer a Volunteer Reception Center in Jeffersonville, IN to assist Clark County, IN. This county includes the heavily damaged communities of Henryville, Marysville and Borden. These members have committed to this task for as long as is necessary.

KANSAS TORNADOES

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February 28th *An EF-2 tornado struck Harveyville, KS area on February 28th. The Governor declared a State of Emergency.*

HARVEYVILLE, KS

Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team

March 6th

Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team has deployed ten members and two supervisors to assist with cleanup in Harveyville, KS. Four additional members will be deployed over the weekend, resulting in a team of 10 – 16 over the next week. The team will be assisting KS Department of Wildlife and Parks extension office with debris removal. The team will end their deployment on Friday, March 9th.

KENTUCKY TORNADOES

March 2nd *In addition to the tornadoes that struck several Kentucky counties on Wednesday, February 29th, severe storms impacted far western Kentucky and the southeastern corner of the State on March 2.*

WEST LIBERTY, KY

NEW Moorehead State University AmeriCorps VISTA and Gateway Homeless Coalition AmeriCorps VISTA

March 8th

Three AmeriCorps VISTAs have opened a Volunteer Reception Center in West Liberty. This VRC was opened at 12:00pm today. These members will be administering the VRC with additional assistance from AmeriCorps NCCC.

WEST LIBERTY, KY

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC- Southern Region

March 8th

The NCCC Southern Region will be sending Delta 1, a team of twelve members to West Liberty, KY to assist Morehead State University with Volunteer Reception Center administration and volunteer leadership. Delta 1 will be working closely with the Moorehead State University AmeriCorps VISTA project. The team will redeploy to the Southern Region Campus on April 9th.

MISSOURI TORNADOES

February 28th *A series of tornadoes struck the state of Missouri, including an EF-2 that hit Kimberling City and Branson. Damages were reported to over 167 homes. Three confirmed fatalities and over 50 injuries have been reported statewide.*

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On March 4th and 5th, Idara Nickelson, Chief Programs Officer and Kelly DeGraff, Director of Disaster Services of CNCS visited tornado impacted communities and met with key leaders in the recovery effort in Joplin.

STONE AND TANEY COUNTIES, MO

UPDATE AmeriCorps NCCC- Southwestern Region

March 2nd

AmeriCorps NCCC has sent Sun 3, a team of ten members to assist AmeriCorps St. Louis in Branson, MO in the tornado disaster response and assist with the current Red Flag Warning in Lebanon, MO. Seven members are helping AmeriCorps St. Louis in administering the Volunteer Reception Center and assisting and supervising volunteers. Three members are assisting with wildfire operations. Sun 3 will redeploy to the Southwestern Campus on March 16th.

UPDATE AmeriCorps St. Louis – 12 Members Deployed

February 29th

Stone and Taney Counties have requested AmeriCorps members through their State EMA. AmeriCorps St. Louis began staging Volunteer Reception Centers late Wednesday, splitting 12 members between each VRC. These members will be led by a veteran AmeriCorps member who was active during the Joplin Tornado response. These VRCs will focus on volunteer coordination and debris removal. AmeriCorps St. Louis will also be contributing assistance for tarping and sheltering. Two members have been placed to support the state's 211 call center. A team of five are also being utilized to fight a wildfire that was present but exacerbated by the severe weather. The Stone County VRC may be reached at 417-598-8871 and Taney County VRC at 417-598-8865

OHIO SEVERE WEATHER

March 2nd The National Weather Service received nine reports of possible tornadoes on Friday, March 2nd. There are two confirmed fatalities and eight injuries.

CINCINNATI, OH

NEW* American Red Cross AmeriCorps

February 29th

Four members from the American Red Cross AmeriCorps program are in Cincinnati are assisting the American Red Cross with client casework intake and assisting in standing up shelters.

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RESOURCES

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTERS BY STATE:

Illinois

Harrisburg, IL: The VRC is being administered by Operation Blessing and can be reached at 618-294-9600. Operation Blessing has a page dedicated to the Illinois tornado with information on how to contribute: <http://tinyurl.com/OperationBlessingIL>

Indiana

Jeffersonville, IN: Metro United Way is coordinating the VRC serving Clark County, IN. The VRC can be reached at 812-287-0523. Their website offers volunteer registration for individuals or groups, donation information for those wishing to make a monetary contribution and information on the Indiana tornadoes, contact information and tips for residents. Here is their website: <http://tinyurl.com/MetroUnitedWayIN>

Kentucky

West Liberty, KY: Moorehead State University is operating a VRC. Volunteers may register online at <http://msucares.volunteerhub.com/Events/Browse.aspx> and the VRC can be reached at 606-783-8756.

Missouri

Taney and Stone Counties:

These VRCs are being operated by AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Corps. VolunteerBranson.org volunteers can download the volunteer registration and other paperwork to have prior to checking in at the VRC.

Taney County (Branson)

Volunteer: (417) 243-2144

Homeowner Hotline: (417) 243-2161

E-mail: acstlbranson@gmail.com

Located at Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, 269 State Hwy 248

Stone County

Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteer: (417) 598-8871

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