

## 4.11.12 DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE

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### SPOTLIGHT ON WENDY SPENCER, THE NEW CEO OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

*On her first day in office, Corporation for National and Community Service CEO Wendy Spencer recounts some of the service experiences that shaped her life and asks community and nonprofit leaders to share their ideas on how to make service more effective in addressing local problems. Find out more about Wendy Spencer here:*

[http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role\\_impact/wendy.asp](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/wendy.asp)

### **NEW DEPLOYMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Hoopa Tribal Conservation Corps**

In March and April, Hoopa Tribal Conservation Corps began training members in several disaster response areas.

- March 5-9, 2012- The TCCC Director, two Hoopa AmeriCorps State Members and twelve TCCC members received Wildland Fire Fighter Training and certification to engage by request in Wildland firefighting. These members received certification in the following courses: S-130, S-190, L-180, S-134, I-100
- March 19-22 ten TCCC members and one Hoopa AmeriCorps State member received certification in Swift Water Rescue and Wilderness Survival. This certification enables these members to act as first responders in White Water Rescue and provides skills that will allow them to survive in the wilderness with no medical or other supplies.
- April 6, fifteen TCCC Members and nine Hoopa AmeriCorps State Members received certification from NOAA in Identifying Hazardous Weather conditions and Proper Flood Techniques using sandbags.

**NEW DISASTER EVENTS**

***FOR INFORMATION ON NEW DISASTER EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT FEMA'S DAILY SITUATION REPORT PAGE AT:***

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

**ONGOING DEPLOYMENTS**

**INDIANA TORNADOES**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IN

**Interfaith Council RSVP**

March 6<sup>th</sup>

The Interfaith Council RSVP in New Albany, IN has sent 20 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.

**AmeriCorps NCCC - North Central Region**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> NCCC North Central Region will be deploying Cedar 4, a team of 11 members to Jeffersonville, IN to support the United Way in operating the Volunteer Reception Center. Cedar 4 will be working to coordinate the volunteers working in Henryville and surrounding areas. Cedar 4 is expected to be deployed until April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**KENTUCKY TORNADOES**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** In addition to the tornadoes that struck several Kentucky counties on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, severe storms impacted far western Kentucky and the southeastern corner of the State on March 2. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

WEST LIBERTY AND MENIFEE COUNTY, KY

**Morehead State University AmeriCorps Program**

March 12<sup>th</sup>

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The MSUCorps is collaborating with the Morehead State University Center for Regional Engagement to provide relief efforts in West Liberty. Members are working with All Hands, NECHAMA, the American Red Cross, AmeriCorps NCCC members, FEMA and the Index Community Center to provide volunteer leadership, home assessments and donations collection, management and distribution. Other members are serving in Menifee County, sorting and delivering food donations to storm survivors and leading volunteers in debris removal.

## WEST LIBERTY, KY

### **Morehead State University AmeriCorps VISTA and Gateway Homeless Coalition AmeriCorps VISTA**

*March 8th*

Two 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. This activity will end on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 Morehead State University AmeriCorps VISTA project. The team's deployment has been extended from April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **MISSOURI TORNADOES**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** *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.*

### **AmeriCorps St. Louis – 12 Members Deployed**

*February 29<sup>th</sup>*

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.

## **WEST VIRGINIA SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING**

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**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Severe weather has caused flooding, mudslides and landslides in West Virginia. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> a Presidential Declaration of Disaster was declared for Lincoln, Logan and Mingo counties.

## LOGAN COUNTY, WV

### **AmeriCorps NCCC – Southern Region**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

AmeriCorps NCCC has sent two teams, Delta 8 (12 members) and River 6 (10 members) to Logan County to assist the Logan County Emergency Management with local efforts to support survivor and community recovery, including: call center management, client intake and survey for long-term recovery, volunteer and donations management, mucking and gutting, and minor stream debris removal. Delta 8 and River 6 will be deployed until April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## LOGAN COUNTY, WV

### **CNCS Disaster Cadre**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Bill Dillon, a seasoned Disaster Cadre member has been deployed to Logan County, WV to support the FEMA Region 3 and FEMA DR-4061-WV Individual Assistance VAL Unit in providing management of AmeriCorps Team deployments, including logistics, leading, training, coordinating with partners and reporting needed information to FEMA. Mr. Dillon will be deployed for two weeks.

## **STAND-BY**

## **TEXAS TORNADOES**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** The National Weather Service has confirmed that two tornadoes touched down in Medina County near San Antonio. Local media report that as many as 50 homes were damaged and five people were injured in Devine. No Federal Disaster Declaration has been made.

### **AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and State Service Commission**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

AmeriCorps NCCC and the State Service Commission are on stand-by to assist in the response effort.

## **THE DSU IS CURRENTLY ON STAND-BY FOR THE FOLLOWING STATES**

**Arkansas  
Louisiana**

**Michigan  
Mississippi**

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## RESOURCES

### FEMA CORPS, POWERED BY AMERICORPS

For more information on FEMA Corps, a new unit in the AmeriCorps NCCC program please visit:  
[http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_individuals/choose/americanccs\\_femacorps.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/choose/americanccs_femacorps.asp)

### 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:* Morehead 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.

Those interested in donating needed items or interested in volunteering may go to [www.KYEM.KY.GOV](http://www.KYEM.KY.GOV) for more information.

#### **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.

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## **Taney County (Branson)**

Volunteer: (417) 243-2144

Homeowner Hotline: (417) 243-2161

E-mail: [acstlbranson@gmail.com](mailto: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

Homeowner Hotline: (417) 598-8865

Email: [stonecounty.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stonecounty.volunteers@gmail.com)

Located at Harter House Market, 12622 State Hwy 13 & Kissee Ave