

Corporation for National and Community Service

DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE 10/27/12

Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy, a category one storm is expected to make landfall on the east coast early Tuesday, October 30th while some areas may begin to experience effects as early as Sunday, October 28th. **Currently, more than 520 national service members have been placed on stand-by for possible deployment. Over 400 additional national service members remain on call including our specially trained cadre of grantees.**

CNCS is coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the American Red Cross, and state and local authorities. CNCS is part of a local, state and national effort. Once deployed, these members would do volunteer management, shelter operations, case management and warehouse management.

STATE SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Commissions in the region activated for disaster response by; outreaching to volunteers, asking them to pre-register to volunteer, distributing newsletters to volunteers and AmeriCorps State programs informing them on how to be safe and how to volunteer and Commission staff along the Atlantic coast are monitoring the weather, volunteer registration and volunteer requests.

FEMA CORPS

Currently, more than 290 FEMA Corps members are prepositioned across eight states to support FEMA Emergency Response Operations once the storm impacts affected communities. An additional 145 members have been placed on stand-by for possible deployment post-landfall. The AmeriCorps Atlantic Region Campus may be used as a staging and training ground

DELAWARE

SUSSEX COUNTY, DE
Atlantic Region AmeriCorps NCCC

October 27th

20 members will deploy on October 28th to support the American Red Cross with shelter operations.

NEW JERSEY

PRINCETON AND TINTON FALLS, NY
Atlantic Region AmeriCorps NCCC

October 27th

20 members will deploy on October 28th to support the American Red Cross with shelter operations.

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NEW YORK

ALBANY, NY

Southern Region AmeriCorps NCCC

October 27th

16 members will deploy on October 28th to support the American Red Cross with shelter operations.

This team is expected to be deployed for up to three weeks.

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.

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.