



# The Salvation Army

## Emergency Disaster Services

### Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network



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## The Salvation Army / SATERN Activated For Hurricane Lane



NHQ – Alexandria, VA (08/30/2018) –Hurricane / Tropical Storm Lane is history now as is SATERN’s response.

The International SATERN Net was activated on its’ regular frequency of 14.265 MHz at 1300 (Central). Friday, 24 August for five hours. The Net was activated for a second day on Saturday, 25 August for an additional two hours before being closed as the storm passed without causing significant damage to the communications infrastructure.

The primary mission(s) were to :

1. Receive and deliver Health & Welfare messages from the State of Hawaii to people outside of the impact area.
2. Support of The Salvation Army if needed or requested.
3. Support of our partners if needed or requested.

During the two day, seven hour operation, there were 38 check-ins from 18 states, including 2 from Hawaii, and 3 countries. Although there were no formal messages or requests for assistance submitted to the Net, there were several Situation Reports received from stations in Hawaii that were passed on to National Headquarters and Western Territory Headquarters.

Portions of The Salvation Army’s Hilo Thrift Store were heavily damaged by water. Sometime between when the store closed on Wednesday, Aug. 22, and Monday morning Aug. 27, portions of the roof apparently failed and heavy rains flooded several areas. The store is closed indefinitely to allow for cleanup, repairs, and remodeling as necessary. The store is unable to accept any donations of clothing, furniture, etc. until it reopens due to lack of warehouse space to store the items.

“It was a shock to walk into the store on Monday morning with the manager and find the roof had failed,” said Lt. Jacob Bratton. “Unfortunately, due to the extent of the damage and expected repairs, the store will be closed for at least a month and maybe longer. And, because the store is our Corps’ primary revenue stream, the closure also creates a real need for monetary donations to support the various programs our Corps provides in Hilo and across East Hawaii.”

Lt. Bratton continued, “Among the programs potentially impacted by the lost revenues include homeless outreach three times a week, after school keiki programs, and youth activities, among others. ... We also are reviewing employment options and opportunities for our eight staff members.” The store’s closure also will potentially impact a number of other programs.



The Hawaii & Pacific Island (HI) Division of The Salvation Army was asked to serve as the lead agency for the Hawaii Mass Care Feeding Task Force, which coordinated emergency feeding throughout the islands for this storm event. Led by The Salvation Army, the Hawaii Mass Care Feeding Task Force is a team of agencies providing assistance during such events and works closely with the State of Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and other state and federal agencies.

“Initial meal service needs were identified at three emergency shelters on Oahu due to a high population of homeless individuals who had taken shelter but were unable to provide their own food supplies,” said Captain Micheal Stack, Emergency Disaster Services Director for The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division.

Although Oahu shelters and other shelters across the state were open for only a short period of time, the task force assessed and coordinated feeding needs as the storm’s impacts continued to be assessed on each island.”

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Interested groups or entities with feeding capacity were asked to complete an online form so that the task force could quickly contact them should the need arise in their area across the state during this and potential future events. The form remains available at [hawaii.salvationarmy.org](http://hawaii.salvationarmy.org).

Hurricane Lane was the wettest tropical cyclone on record in Hawaii with rainfall peaking at 52.02 inches in Mountain View. It was also the most intense hurricane in the Central Pacific since Hurricane Ioke (2006) and the first category 5 hurricane in the Pacific since Hurricane Patricia (2015) and only the second category 5 to be within 350 miles of Hawaii.

The results of all the rainfall was numerous road closings, multiple landslides, sinkholes, inundated homes and the rescue of over 100 people. Wind damage included numerous power lines downed which sparked wildfires that rapidly got out of control due to the strong winds destroying homes, vehicles and causing numerous evacuations including several emergency shelters. The excessive rainfall helped firefighters contain and extinguish the fires.

Damage levels diminished as Lane moved west and became a Tropical Storm before finally dissipating.

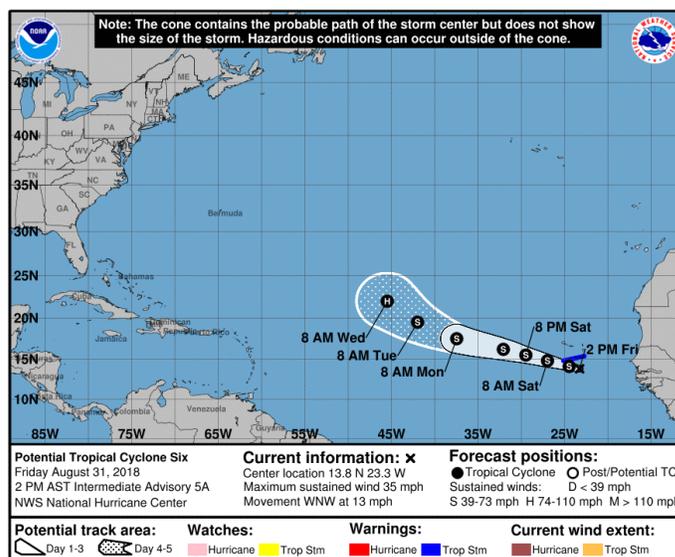
## Salvation Army Responds To Mass Shooting



**Jacksonville, FL (08/26/2018)** - The Salvation Army dispatched a disaster services team and mobile feeding unit in response to the mass shooting that occurred during a video game tournament in Jacksonville, Florida, on Sunday, 26 August.

"I have assured the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office that we are committed to providing food, hydration, and emotional and spiritual care as needed," says Major Bert Tanner, Jacksonville Area Commander for The Salvation Army. As of Sunday afternoon, The Salvation Army was prepared to serve dinner to approximately 250 first responders that were still at the scene.

## Atlantic Hurricane Season Heating Up



Potential Tropical System Six has formed near the Cabo Verde Islands and is moving WNW at about 13 mph with sustained winds of 35 mph. The storm is expected to become Tropical Storm Florence sometime on Friday, 31 August and Hurricane Florence by sometime on Wednesday, 05 September 2018. If this forecast holds true, it should continue to move out into the middle of the Atlantic over the remainder of the week. After that its future is uncertain.

In addition, there is the possibility of one to as many as four additional storms that may form in the first week of September including at least one that may affect the Gulf of Mexico.

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