



The Salvation Army

Emergency Disaster Services

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network



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The Salvation Army Strong in Carolinas

NHQ SATERN (09/20/2018) – River flooding in South Carolina continues with some rivers not expected to recede for another 10 to 15 days. In North Carolina, rivers have receded below Major Flood Stage, but it is likely to be several days before the river levels go below Flood Stage.

Some 1,500 people remain in shelters throughout North and South Carolina. The Salvation Army is supporting many of those shelters with food and hydration, emotional and spiritual care and, in one shelter, a shower trailer.



The Salvation Army has 90 canteens deployed with 48 of them currently in service. Some 1,100 Salvation Army officers, employees and volunteers are working out of 10 Incident Command Posts, several Community Recovery Resource Centers and Distribution Centers. The personnel come from Salvation Army units from all across the Southern Territory as well as support from other Territories.

To date, they have provided over 72,600 hours of service providing over 287,500 meals, 163,600 snacks, 234,200 drinks and providing emotional and spiritual care to over 18,800 people. They have also provided 1,776 cleanup kits, 1,400 comfort kits and 2,500 food boxes.

Volunteers are an essential part of The Salvation Army’s work in the Carolinas. For example, 83 year-young Louise Walters is an Advisory Board member for the Georgetown, SC, Corps. “I’ve volunteered for so many disasters ... It’s a mission.” she says firmly. “The Good Lord has work for me to do.”

The Salvation Army’s government, corporate and non-profit partners are also an important part of the mission. It is working closely with state and local government through the State Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) in North and South

Carolina as well as various county EOCs in both states. First responders from local police and sheriff departments, high water rescue teams and the National Guard have also provided great assistance to The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is also working closely with many corporate and non-profit partners. Partners such as Operation Barbecue Relief (OBR), Little Caesar’s, the Southern Baptists, Honey Baked Ham and many others to provide meals for Salvation Army Canteens and Rapid Response Units (RRUs).

Other corporate partners provided financial support. Walmart donated \$1.25 million to help The Salvation Army continue its disaster relief efforts. “As our neighbors in the Carolinas continue to recover, we are proud to support organizations on the front line providing critical support,” said Julie Gehrki, Vice-President of Programs for the Walmart Foundation.



Local churches have also been major partners for The Salvation Army. Some have provided a common community gathering site for service delivery. Others provide volunteers on Salvation Army feeding units or Distribution Centers or have partnered in providing emotional and spiritual care to their communities.

The Salvation Army has also partnered with many local community groups supporting their communities. Community groups in Robeson County, NC – one of the poorest counties in the USA –pick up frozen and cooked food from a Salvation Army distribution site. They then divide the food into family portions and distribute it in their communities.

Other non-profit partners include the American Red Cross and other members of local and State VOADs (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). The cooperation among multiple agencies has impressed many of those being helped. “They’ve done a fantastic job! All of them communicating together.” said one shelter resident at a shelter on Pawley’s Island.

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HERO Activated For Typhoon Mangkhut

PHILIPPINE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION



HAM EMERGENCY RADIO OPERATIONS

Philippines (09/27/2018) - With Typhoon Mangkhut threatening, the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA) activated its Ham Emergency Radio Operations (HERO) at a Code Yellow

level on 12 September, per a declaration from PARA Chief Operating Officer Roberto Vicencio, DU1VHY. At Code Yellow, stations are advised to ensure that all equipment is operational, check backup power sources, and take any necessary precautionary measures. For the first time ever, the Philippines National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) had authorized PARA/HERO volunteers to communicate directly with NTC's regional offices during the pending emergency, rather than through the NTC headquarters.

Typhoon Mangkhut was the strongest typhoon to strike Luzon Island since Typhoon Megi in 2010, and the strongest typhoon to make landfall in the Philippines since Super Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. A Category 4 storm on the Saffir-Simpson scale, Mangkhut was packing nearly 150 Mph winds, with gusts of more than 180 Mph as it approached the 14 September landfall on extreme northern Luzon Island. The storm inflicted widespread destruction, with heavy damage to structures, and caused landslides. More than 80 people lost their lives as a result of the storm. Evacuations were ordered in several regions.



PARA members DV1XWK, DW1YMJ, and DV1XND operate DX1PAR and National Telecommunications radios during typhoon. [Courtesy of Roberto Vicencio, DU1VHY]

In the Philippines, volunteers Tonyo Casuga, DV1XND, and Aurell Rabena, DV1YMK, immediately activated PARA club station DX1PAR on a 24 hour basis. The next day, DU1IVT, DU1VHY, DU1UGZ, DU1EIB, and DU1GG were expected to leave for Cotabato City in Mindanao for a HERO orientation seminar. PARA Director and former COO Thelma Pascua, DU1IVT -- who had been

scheduled to travel to Mindanao for a HERO orientation seminar -- remained behind to oversee the activities of HERO volunteers on 40 and 2 meters and to coordinate with the various NTC regional offices. More than a dozen volunteers stepped up to help.

Club station DX1ARC activated its Echolink node, and Ronald Hernandez, DU2RD, fed reports to HERO until 15 September or until telephone and internet services began to return. Rollydel Tamin (F2RV) contributed reports from Isabela Province.

When the storm brought gusty winds and a lot of rain to Metro Manila on the evening of 14 September, HERO experienced a sustained string of check-ins, with no fewer than 150 stations reporting from the start of the activation. According to HERO, reports also streamed in continuously on 2 meters in Metro Manila and nearby areas, while affiliated clubs activated their own HERO nets and passed whatever reports they received to the HERO emergency frequency. During the HERO activation, DU Net was called four times a day, aside from the continuous reports on weather conditions and monitoring of affected areas on 7.095 MHz.

In central Luzon, PARA District 3 Manager Edilberto, DU3JA, supervised the activation of the NTC Region 3 station in San Fernando, Pampanga. NTC regional offices in Region 1, CAR, Tuguegarao, and Region 3 all coordinated with the HERO network on 7.095 MHz in addition to the regular NTC net frequency of 7.404 MHz, also staffed by ham radio volunteers at NTC headquarters. HERO reports included the status of telecommunication services and electrical power in the affected areas, as well as reports on casualties, flooding, and health-and-welfare traffic.

Several stations in the least-affected areas of Mindanao and Visayas supported HERO by acting as relay stations during periods of poor propagation. HERO activity for Mangkhut stood down on 16 September.

Long-Time National Disaster Specialist Flo Knox (KB3YAT) Moves To South THQ-S



NHQ (09/21/2018) -- After serving as the National Disaster Specialist at The Salvation Army National Headquarters for many years, Flo Knox (KB3YAT) has moved to Southern Territory Headquarters (THQ-S) in Atlanta, GA, to become the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Territorial Secretary for Business Administration, Lt. Col. James K. Seiler.

Knox has been a strong supporter of SATERN for many years and her advice and support at NHQ will be missed.



But all is not lost! Tameka Sharp, is very ably filling the National Disaster Specialist position after having been NHQ's Government Relations Specialist for some time. Tameka is a Certified Emergency Manager who brings tremendous talent, professionalism and support for SATERN to that position.

We wish both Flo and Tameka God's grace in their positions at THQ and NHQ respectively.

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