



# The Salvation Army

## Emergency Disaster Services

### Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network



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## The Salvation Army Responds To Flooding In Three Canadian Provinces



IHQ – London, EnglandUK (05/01/2019) – States of emergency have been declared in communities across the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick as rising rivers from a combination of rapidly melting snow and heavy rainfall have forced thousands from their homes. The Canadian government has deployed 2,000 military personnel to provide assistance

As the waters began to rise, The Salvation Army provided practical, emotional and spiritual care to first responders, volunteers and impacted families.

In Ontario, The Salvation Army is providing assistance in Ottawa and the surrounding areas to those affected by flooding along the Ottawa River. The response began on Good Friday, as local emergency disaster services (EDS) personnel deployed to provide food and emotional and spiritual care. As water levels continued to rise, more volunteers came out to lay sandbags.

To meet the increase in the number of people needing support, additional Salvation Army personnel traveled from across the country to assist with relief efforts. To date, more than 5,000 meals have been provided in the region. Elsewhere in Ontario, the Army is supporting people affected by flooding in Huntsville and Bracebridge.

“At the canteen location I served at, people worked hard on sandbagging to protect their homes,” explained one Salvation Army volunteer. “Many said their spirits and energy received a boost when they saw The Salvation Army.”

On 27 April, The Salvation Army’s canteen in Constance Bay, just west of Ottawa, saw a visit from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who also assisted with sandbagging efforts.

“Salvation Army EDS personnel will support relief efforts as long as necessary,” said Glenn van Gulik, Divisional Secretary for Public Relations, Ontario Central-East Division.

In Rigaud, Quebec, which also sits on the Ottawa River, The Salvation Army deployed officers to provide emotional and spiritual care to first responders since 22 April.

In the province of New Brunswick, Salvation Army personnel mobilized in Fredericton, Saint John and Sussex to offer assistance. The Army’s Fredericton Community Church has been the center of the Army’s response in that city, providing meals, showers, food baskets, vouchers and other emergency aid.

“At The Salvation Army, we are starting to see an increase for shower usage as some areas have had their water tanks disconnected,” said Jan Keats, EDS coordinator, Maritime Division. “We will continue to assist those who require emergency supplies of food and water.”

In Grand Bay, Saint John, The Salvation Army received a request from the Fire Department to feed helpers who were filling sandbags at the local quarry. A community response unit and a team of volunteers answered the call, serving residents, volunteers and military personnel.

As flood waters begin to recede, the affected communities are developing longer-term recovery plans. The Salvation Army will assist in feeding volunteers and first responders during the recovery phase.

## SATERN Operators Invited To Visit and Help At Hamvention SATERN Booth

NHQ SATERN (05/02/2019) – SATERN operators who are planning to be at the Havention sometime between Friday, 17 May and Sunday, 19 May are invited to visit the SATERN Booth in Building #6 (the Tent Area).

SATERN operators are also invited to stay and help the Territorial Coordinators staff the booth, hand out pamphlets and lapel pins and provide coffee and snacks to the guests while there.

SATERN operators interested in helping out should simply come to the booth and sign up for a convenient time slot.

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## New EDS Funding Taps Social Services

**THQ – Western Territory (04/22/2019)** – There’s no image more synonymous with The Salvation Army’s Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) work than a mobile canteen. The sturdy food trucks rove in and around disaster-affected areas to serve nourishing meals and offer a bit of hope.

But when the canteens pack up and drive out of town, that’s often when reality sets in for those survivors. Suddenly, a hot meal alone simply isn’t enough. Now, they need a new place to live, a way to make a living, someone to help them rebuild their lives, piece by piece. The recovery phase is becoming a critical element in the EDS program, now more than ever.

“Once the media coverage starts to fade out after a disaster, the need actually starts to grow,” said John Berglund, Western Territorial EDS Director. “And I think for The Salvation Army, serving in the recovery phase is actually more mission-aligned.”

In light of an increasingly competitive funding landscape and a “new normal” of multiple mega-fires in a given year on the West Coast, The Salvation Army, like many involved in disaster relief, has re-evaluated its approach to ensure it’s using available funds as effectively and efficiently as possible.



Lately, that means looking at all of the available local resources to carry out that mission. The Salvation Army was recently awarded a \$1.1 million grant from the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) to better assist families affected by the Woolsey and Hill fires, which raged across Ventura County and Los Angeles County last November, destroying more than 1,600 structures and displacing thousands of individuals. The grant—the largest one-time gift awarded by the foundation to The Salvation Army—will tap existing Salvation Army caseworkers at three corps to serve a wide range of needs, including case management, housing assistance, utility assistance, food service and guidance in navigating the available programs.

It’s a departure from what Berglund describes as “the old model” when disaster relief organizations would fly volunteers into the affected areas and put them up in hotels to help for an extended period of time. All that would ultimately do, he said, was delay the affected area’s rebuild. The goal is to help get the local economy back up and running as soon after a disaster as possible, instead of relying on outside support and time-limited resources.

“It’s really important to break down the departmental walls and look at the resources that already exist,” Berglund said. The social services department, given its familiarity with a high volume of casework, was a natural fit.

“When people lose their homes in a fire, they’re now homeless, just not the kind of homeless we’re used to,” said Pilar Buelna, California South Divisional Director of Social Services. “It just didn’t seem viable to hire people for temporary [caseworker] positions. We thought we should leverage our corps caseworkers. That’s one thing [VCCF] really liked about our model, is that we’re not relying on time-limited resources. They were really looking for an organization to step up and provide these recovery services. And now, there’s a system in place. A framework for future disasters in California South.”

Sharon Kerr, Director of Major Gifts for the California South Division, helped write the grant application to VCCF. She noted that many of the people who lost their homes in the Hill Fire had home insurance policies, but that was not the whole story.

“You think of every housekeeper, every nanny, all of the staff, for these households that were completely out of a job,” Kerr said. “There’s a huge hole where there used to be work, and there isn’t now. Their jobs just didn’t exist one day.” Kerr, herself is not far removed from losing her home in the Thomas Fire in December 2017. She said having gone through the emotional trauma herself has helped give her some insight into the needs of fire survivors.

“I think I took the next fire that much more personally. I knew what those people were going to go through,” she said. “In the Thomas Fire, we were allowed to go to our homes that same week. It almost felt like a war zone. When you walk up to your lot, instead of your home, you cannot describe the devastation.”

Elsewhere in the West, The Salvation Army is making strides to build local capacity and leverage existing resources. In the Del Oro Division, The Salvation Army’s culinary training programs are being integrated into its evolving disaster relief strategy. Those culinary training students are now being deployed after disasters to help with feeding services. According to Major Martin Ross, Sacramento County Social Services Secretary, that’s exactly the kind of strategic thinking The Salvation Army needs.

“We need to reposition ourselves and look at what we can do,” Ross said. “Because we do have existing infrastructure that can meet those needs.”

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## Annual Armed Forces Day Cross-Band Test Scheduled For Saturday, 11 May 2019

**U.S. Army MARS (04/29/2019)** – The Army Military Auxiliary Radio System (U.S. Army MARS) will host this year’s Armed Forces Day (AFD) Cross-band Test on Saturday, 11 May. This annual event is open to all licensed amateur radio operators, and will not impact any public or private communications. For more than 50 years, military and amateur stations have taken part in this event, which is only an exercise scenario, designed to include hobbyist and government radio operators alike.

The AFD Cross-band Test is a unique opportunity to test two-way communications between military communicators and radio stations in the Amateur Radio Service (ARS), as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111. These tests provide opportunities and challenges for radio operators to demonstrate individual technical skills in a tightly-controlled exercise scenario.

Military stations will transmit on selected military frequencies (see below) and will announce the specific Amateur Radio System (ARS) frequencies monitored. All times are ZULU (Z), and all frequencies are Upper Side Band (USB) unless otherwise noted. The frequencies used for the test will not impact any public or private communications, and will not stray outside the confines of the exercise.

The following stations will be making two-way radiotelephone contacts with stations in the ARS between the time periods listed on the frequencies listed in MHz below:

CALL	LOCATION		TIME
FREQ #1	FREQ #2	FREQ #3	FREQ #4
<b>AAZ</b>	<b>FT HUACHUCA, AZ</b>		<b>1500–2359Z</b>
5.330.5	14.438.5	18.211.0	
<b>ABH</b>	<b>Schoefield Barracks, HI</b>		<b>1600-2300Z</b>
5.357.0	14.438.5	18.272.0	20.997.0
<b>ABM1</b>	<b>Camp Zama, Japan</b>		<b>1500-0100Z</b>
	14.487.0		20.994.0
<b>ADB</b>	<b>Camp Foster, Okinawa</b>		<b>1500-0100Z</b>
	14.487.0		20.994.0
<b>WAR</b>	<b>Pentagon, Washington, D.C.</b>		<b>1200-2400Z</b>
5.357.0	13.963.5	18.211.0	24.760.0
<b>WUG-2</b>	<b>Army Corps Engineers, TN</b>		<b>1300-0200Z</b>
5.403.5	13.910.5	18.293.0	20.973.5
<b>AIR</b>	<b>Andrews AFB</b>		<b>1200-2400Z</b>
4.517.0	7305.0	15807.0	20.740.0
<b>AGA2SY</b>	<b>Hancock Field, NY</b>		<b>1200-2400Z</b>
4.575.0	7.540.0	13.993.0	
<b>AGA5SC</b>	<b>Scott AFB, IL</b>		<b>1600-2300Z</b>
3.308.0	4.872.0	7.545.0	
<b>AGA9TR</b>	<b>Travis AFB, CA</b>		<b>1600-0100Z</b>
5.346.5	7.329.0	13.996.0	14.411.0

CALL	LOCATION		TIME
FREQ #1	FREQ #2	FREQ #3	FREQ #4
<b>AFM4AF</b>	<b>Naval Support Activity, TN</b>		<b>1200-0300Z</b>
	7.375.5	13.498.0	
<b>MARS RADIO</b>			<b>1400-0100Z</b>
	7.460.0	14.606.0	20.991.0
<b>MARSCOMM</b>			<b>1400-0100Z</b>
4.450.0	7.473.5	14.405.0	
<b>NIW</b>	<b>USS Midway, San Diego, CA</b>		<b>1400-0200Z</b>
4.013.5 & 5.371.5	7.493.5	14.383.5	18.293.0
<b>NWKJ</b>	<b>USS Yorktown, Charleston, SC</b>		<b>1200-2200Z</b>
4.000.0	7.360.0	14.663.5	
<b>NEPM</b>	<b>USS Iowa, Los Angeles, CA</b>		<b>1500-2359Z</b>
4.043.5	6.903.5	14.463.5	18.293.0
<b>NWVC</b>	<b>LST-325, Evansville, IN</b>		<b>1200-0400Z</b>
4.007.0	6.913.0	9988.5	13.974.0
<b>NSS</b>	<b>U.S. Naval Academy</b>		<b>1300-0200Z</b>
4.038.5 & 5.330.5	7.533.5 & 9.447.0	14.487.0	17.545.0
<b>NAF</b>	<b>Newport Naval Radio Station Museum, Newport, RI</b>		<b>1200-2359Z</b>
4.013.5	7.542.0	14.383.5	

An AFD message will be transmitted utilizing the Military Standard (MIL-STD) Serial PSK waveform (M110) followed by MIL-STD Wide Shift FSK (850 Hz RTTY) as described in MIL-STD 188-110A/B. Technical information is provided at: [http://www.n2ckh.com/MARS\\_ALE\\_FORUM/MSDMT.html](http://www.n2ckh.com/MARS_ALE_FORUM/MSDMT.html)

The AFD message will also be sent in CW and RTTY as indicated below:

TIME	STATION	FREQ.	MODE
<b>1400Z</b>	AGA2SY	13.506.5	CW / RTTY
<b>1420Z</b>	WAR	13.506.5	CW / RTTY
<b>1420Z</b>	AGA2SY	17.443.0	CW / RTTY
<b>1440Z</b>	WAR	17.443.0	CW / RTTY
<b>1500Z</b>	AAZ	13.506.5 & 17.443.0	CW / RTTY
<b>1900Z</b>	WAR	13.506.5	CW / RTTY
<b>1920Z</b>	WAR	17.443.0	CW / RTTY
<b>2000Z</b>	NWVC	13.506.5	CW
<b>2200Z</b>	ADB	13.506.5	CW / RTTY
<b>2200Z</b>	AGA2SY	17.443.0	CW / RTTY
<b>2220Z</b>	WAR	13.506.5	CW / RTTY
<b>2240Z</b>	WAR	17.443.0	CW / RTTY
<b>2330Z</b>	NWVC	5.436.5	CW
<b>2330Z</b>	NWVC	7.540	CW

For those who wish to document their contacts with a QSL card, go to: <http://www.usarmymars.org/events> and complete the request form.

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