

DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

Disaster Resiliency in Focus

CANDLES

BATTERIES

FIRST AID KIT

MATCHES

DISASTER PREPARATION LIST

- WATER
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
- BATTERY RADIO
- BATTERIES
- FIRST AID KIT
- FLASHLIGHT
- BLANKET
- CANDLES
- CAN OPENER
- CELL PHONE
- MATCHES
- WHISTLE
- CASH & KEYS
- HAND SANITIZER
- BASIC TOOL SET
- TRASH BAGS
- BABY SUPPLIES
- EMERGENCY CONTACTS

March 15, 2018

- PET FOOD
- WARM CLOTHING

- DUST MASK
- IMPORTANT DOCS

MARCH BLOG: PROVIDING DISASTER ASSISTANCE
IN LOW ATTENTION DISASTERS FROM THE
CENTER FOR DISASTER PHILANTHROPY



With a record-setting \$306 billion price tag for natural disasters, 2017 was, the Year of Loss. We all heard about the California wildfires and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria because they all were given hours of national news coverage that included interviews with survivors, news about FEMA, and celebrities on TV raising money. But in the ten Midwest states I serve, we had one of the largest floods in Missouri history, record breaking wild fires in Kansas, Oklahoma and Montana, and dozens and dozens of small, localized disasters. But you may have not heard about these losses because low attention disasters aren't news worthy. [Click HERE to continue reading.](#)

Shown Above: A flooded home in Van Buren, Missouri, population 871, after the May 2017 floods.

FIRST OF FOUR DEPLOYMENTS TO USVI IN OPERATION

Shown Below: Images of Vincentians (local and deployed) to St. Thomas of the US Virgin Islands with Bishop Bevard.



We have a series of four deployments coming up from March through June and are actively fundraising to cover the costs. We have 22 Vincentian volunteers active in disaster recovery deploying down to the island of St. Croix starting today, March 15th and they will be there for 10 days. We are providing two Parish Recovery Assistance Centers at the request of Bishop Bevard. We will alternate between St. Croix and St. Thomas, with a one week long deployment each month. As there are currently no SVDP conferences on the island of St. Croix, we will also be trying to recruit and begin a conference there on the ground in addition to providing Parish Recovery Assistance Centers (P-RAC) to support the local community that was impacted by hurricanes Irma and Maria. **Currently we are full for April at this time and are recruiting for May and June's deployments.** Please pray for our Vincentians as they take on these great tasks. For interest in our mission and work that we carry out, please visit us at: www.svdpcdisaster.org

TRAINING DURING BLUE SKIES

During quiet weather times, blue skies, it is a great opportunity to catch up on disaster recovery training. Please consider moving forward with training resources independently and joining us for other educational opportunities at the National Assembly or at your Regional SVDP Meeting where we may be able add on an additional training day to cover your role in disaster recovery as Vincentians. The more prepared you are in advance, the better you will be equipped to help your fellow community members.

You can find training resources available through FEMA online at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>. There are over 250 online classes you can take, but here are a few we recommend to get started...

-IS 100

-IS 200

-IS402

-IS700

-IS800

American Red Cross also provides online training and recommends additional training resources online found here: <https://www.disasterready.org>. You can access the Red Cross System and information for that is provided below. You do not need to be a volunteer to take classes. Volunteer Access to EMBARC: <https://embarc-learning.sabacloud.com>

EMBARC is the Education Management Base for the American Red Cross. It is the new Learning Management System (LMS) for Humanitarian Services and Corporate course management (e.g., Disaster Cycle Services, Service to the Armed Forces, International Services, and NHQ). EMBARC is a newer technology platform, Saba Cloud, and an upgrade from the previous Saba Enterprise LMS. While the goal of the American Red Cross is a single enterprise LMS solution for the entire organization (expected in late 2016), IT contracts for the current Saba Enterprise LMS end this year and are costly to extend. To provide significant cost savings and bridge the gap between now and when the enterprise LMS will be available, the Red Cross needs to temporarily shift the LMS for Humanitarian Services and Corporate and separate it from the LMS for Preparedness, Health and Safety Services (PHSS). EMBARC provides functionality for managing and executing training and learning programs for all of the American Red Cross. The LMS manages and tracks all training, students, instructors and certification data for Disaster Cycle Services, Service to the Armed Forces, International Services, NHQ, and volunteers. It serves as a central platform for both Web-based training and blended learning for internal and external learners. Please direct EMBARC questions to embarc@redcross.org.

PREPARING YOUR CONFERENCES

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We sent out a blog about contingency planning for businesses a few months prior. This is a great resource for Councils and Conferences to prepare for disaster during blue skies:

-<https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/blog/your-business-resilient-five-things-you-need-know-about-preparedness-and-planning> and take the quiz.

<http://www.feapc.com/business-resilience-readiness-survey/>

FEMA Resources and Guides for Businesses...

-https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1389019980859-b64364cba1442b96dc4f4ad675f552e4/Business_ContinuityPlan_2014.pdf

-<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/resources-documents/collections/357>

-<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/89506>

-<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/resources-documents/collections/344>

Ready.Gov Resources and Guides for Businesses:

-<https://www.ready.gov/business>

MARCH IS SPRING WEATHER SAFETY MONTH

Each Month FEMA National Readiness establishes training that National VOAD members are encouraged to share with their faith based and non-profit members.

With spring comes a feeling of renewal. Families everywhere begin cleaning out their basements and garages. Windows are opened, flowers bloom and the days grow longer thanks in part to Daylight Saving Time, which this year began on March 13.

When you set your clocks forward, the National Safety Council reminds you also to review a safety checklist for your home. We covered Fire Alarms and Carbon Monoxide preparedness training last month and now we'll focus on additional items in preparation of Spring weather.

Family Emergency Plan

The National Safety Council recommends every **family have an emergency plan** in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members to make sure they know what to do.

Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon per day of water for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. Visit the FEMA website for a complete list.

The emergency plan also should include:

A communications plan to outline how your family members will contact one another if they are not in the same place and where you should meet if it's safe to go outside

A shelter-in-place plan if outside air is contaminated; FEMA recommends sealing windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting

A getaway plan including various routes and destinations in different directions

What Else Should You Do This Spring?

NSC recommends you take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box or take-back event near you, update your first-aid kit and, most of all, get outside and have fun!

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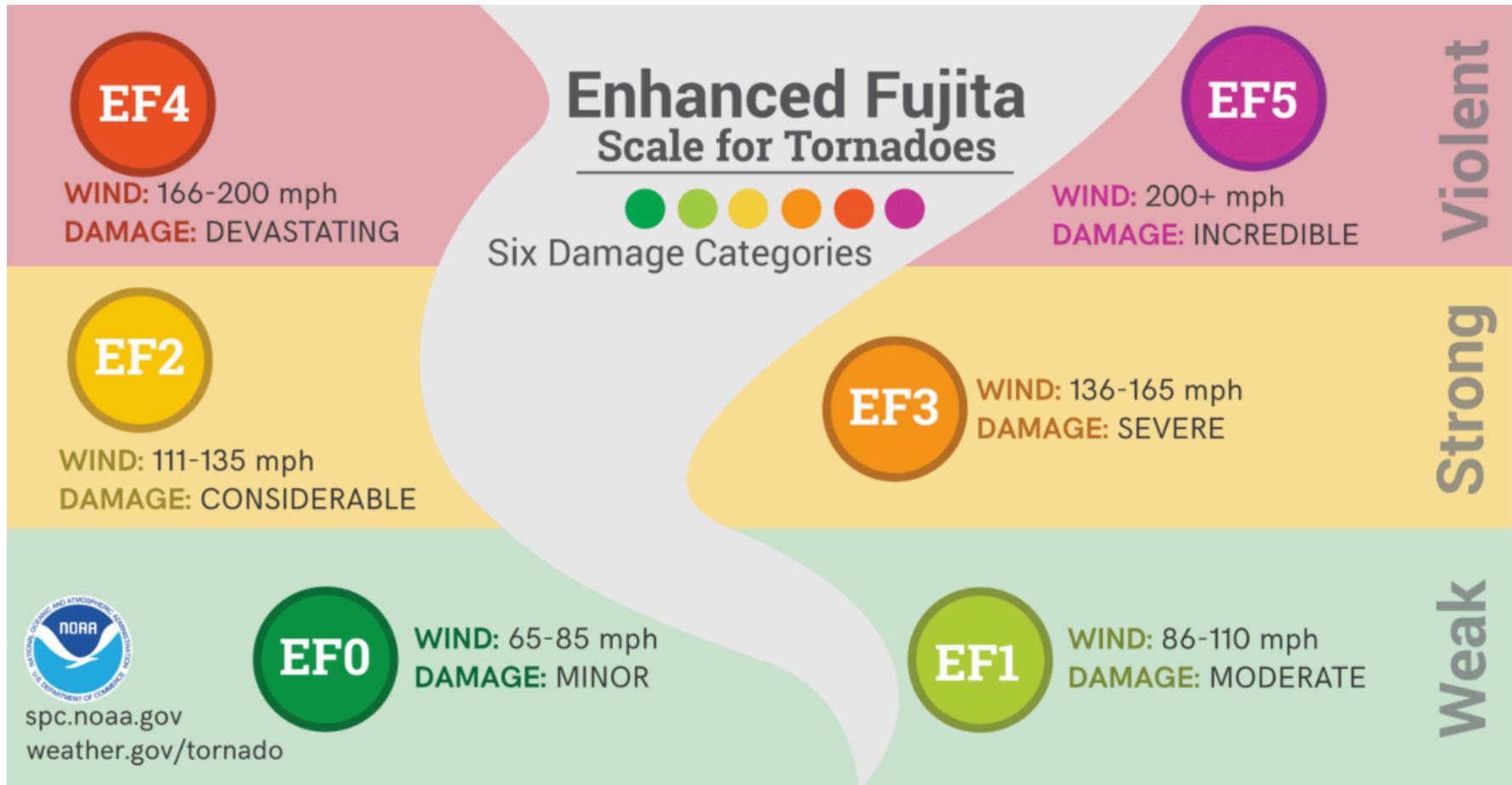
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Get Weather Ready Video Found Here: <https://youtu.be/uE66ganofF0>

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How to Prepare for a Tornado Found Here: <https://www.fema.gov/media->

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Prepare Your Organization for a Tornado PlayBook:

[https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/
1409936139924-14f8f593c82cf0ee0384701252b30995/
prepareathon_playbook_tornado_final_090414_508.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1409936139924-14f8f593c82cf0ee0384701252b30995/prepareathon_playbook_tornado_final_090414_508.pdf)



AMERICA'S
PrepareAthon!

Organizational Tabletop Exercises

Customizable Hazard-Specific Scenarios

Earthquake | Winter Storms | Flood | Wildfire | Tornado | Hurricane

Tabletop Exercises Found Here:

[https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1426103634437-
a1928f190773b74ca029bf2f5793e958/
ap_organizational_ttx_ppt_all_6_hazards_form_031015_final_508.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1426103634437-a1928f190773b74ca029bf2f5793e958/ap_organizational_ttx_ppt_all_6_hazards_form_031015_final_508.pdf)

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WEATHER THE STORM
DOWNLOAD THE FEMA APP

Find a American Red Cross Shelter Near You:

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter>

What to Pack if You go to a Shelter:

Emergencies can happen suddenly and you may not have time to pack. Your safety is most important - grab your loved ones and get out of harm's way! However if you do have time to pack, please consider these tips.

Do Bring:

- Bedding
- Clothing
- Medications
- Your child's stuffed animal,
- Blanket or other "lovely"
- Your emergency kit

Don't Bring:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Illegal drugs
- Weapons

Red Cross Mobile Apps Found Here: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps>

The image shows a smartphone displaying the FEMA app interface. The screen shows the time 1:36 PM, the FEMA logo, and several menu items: Weather Alerts, Prepare, Disaster Resources, Submit Disaster Photos, Contenido en español, How To Help, and a Blog section with a post titled "Supporting Disaster Communications from Space". To the right of the phone, four callout boxes with icons explain app features: a lightning bolt icon for receiving alerts from the National Weather Service; a green checkmark for safety reminders and emergency checklists; a blue plus sign for locating open shelters; and a camera icon for uploading disaster photos.

- Receive alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations.
- Get safety reminders, read tips to survive natural disasters, and customize your emergency checklist.
- Locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person (or on the phone).
- Upload and share your disaster photos to help first responders.

NORTHERN LOUISIANA



Gail Bertrand, Director of Long Term Recovery Programs, provided a couple of group photos of this past week's visit from Chris Antczak. Chris was formerly with the National VOAD office in DC and has been working on projects in New York City with the Puerto Rican Refugees that have been incoming to the state of New York. He has deployed to support our P-RAC deployments as a volunteer and will be in St. Croix this coming week. He came to shadow Gail Bertrand, as a leading expert, and learn more about the Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA's Disaster Case Management Program. We appreciate our team and their dedication to serve those impacted by disaster in Northern LA, for Gail Bertrand as our leadership in Long Term Recovery, and for the volunteer service of Chris Antczak.

A LOOK AT FIRST BOOK MARKET PLACE



Gail Bertrand, Director of Long Term Recovery Programs states, "We received a grant from First Book Market Place, for the Louisiana Disaster Case Management Program. These are books for children 0-18. The recipients are the children of our clients affected by the March 2016 floods. Robyn has selected and received the most wonderful books and families are coming by the pick them up. The families are delighted with the books."

Shown Left: Robyn Sanchez with in Shreveport, LA who is an employee of DSC working on the Disaster Case Management Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Please consider supporting our mission by donating your time, providing financial support, and/or becoming active in your local community on disaster preparedness and recovery as a Vincentian.

Please stop by our newly updated website: www.svdpcdisaster.org

An online store and training resources will soon be available exclusively for Vincentians active in disaster recovery.

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Follow us on LinkedIn: Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA

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For those of you interested in volunteering, please stop by our website at www.svdpcdisaster.org and click on the volunteer button at the top right corner. It will take you to a webform to complete. This information will help us gain better insight on you and be able to better pair you with what we have open and available to volunteer with. We will set up a one on one phone call shortly after the form has been completed.

As a reminder, we cannot continue all these great works without your help. Please consider donating to the general disaster fund at www.svdpcdisaster.org to keep our programs running so that we can in turn support those who have been impacted by disaster here in the United States.

