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# DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

**National EMS Week  
May 20-26, 2018**



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# NATIONAL EMS WEEK

## #EMSSTRONG



EMS Week celebrates the positive impact EMS providers have on the health and safety of people across the country. Recognized since 1974, this EMS Week - May 20 – 26, 2018 - NHTSA's Office of EMS honors the dedication and commitment of EMS providers nationwide.

This year, NHTSA recognizes that the EMS community is “Stronger Together.” Whether it’s partner providers on an ambulance, or the Federal entities that work together to support EMS agencies nationwide, collaboration, partnership and a willingness to learn from each other make the nation’s EMS systems what they are today.

Emergency Medical Services respond to approximately 30 million activations each year, which necessitates significant coordination from the local to federal level. The Office of EMS is committed to working with other federal partners, national associations and EMS leadership to advance EMS systems and the profession.

For more information about EMS Week, including ways to celebrate and firsthand stories from providers, visit [EMSstrong.org](http://www.emsstrong.org).

More about EMS Week Here: [http://www.emsstrong.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/EMSWeek2018\\_webdownload.pdf](http://www.emsstrong.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/EMSWeek2018_webdownload.pdf)

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JOIN US IN TEACHING BYSTANDERS TO PUSH TO SAVE DURING EMS WEEK, MAY 21-27 2017

American Medical Response, International Association of Fire Chiefs and American College of Emergency Physicians are joining forces to provide the most extensive Bystander CPR trainings ever!

ANYONE CAN PARTICIPATE

Invite your local public safety personnel to partner with you.

HOW TO JOIN THE EFFORT

Plan to train individuals, organizations, businesses, bystanders or students in your communities (some communities even reach out to beachgoers, grocery shoppers or sports spectators) during EMS Week 2017. (May 21-27).

If necessary, get permission from the proper authority

Set up simple training using a manikin and teach bystanders the three simple steps of CPR  
**LEARNERS MUST PRACTICE SOME COMPRESSIONS AND KNOW THE STEPS BELOW**

Check for responsiveness, if you find an adult that does not respond:

Call 911

Push hard and fast in the center of the chest until help arrives

If others are available, switch compressors before you tire or every 2 minutes

Tell someone to get an AED if possible

**TO REPORT YOUR NUMBERS**

At the end of your training session, log into the CPR Challenge Reporting webpage to document the number of individuals you trained. The NEW URL is available at: <https://www.acep.org/emswc/cprchallenge/>



# OPERATION LONESTAR

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



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# HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY

**Shown Above: Vincentian, and Director of Long Term Recovery Programs, Gail Bertrand meeting with Bishop Cahill, the Diocese of Victoria about the Texas Disaster Case Management Program regarding Hurricane Harvey.**



# OPERATION ST. CROIX



A long term recovery mission deployment will be taking place June 9 through June 16th. Vincentians arriving on the ground will review case files from the previous deployment to St. Croix. They will be assessing the intake documents from the 1,008 families to determine those who are in most need of home assistance through a tier system, and tier 4 being the most in need will be visited during this assessment as well as home visits. We are privileged to have locals in St. Croix, and clergy, who will be working alongside our deployed Vincentians to carry out these arduous tasks. Please pray for all those that will be working on the ground to support those in need, to the clergy who are living on the ground there serving the community, and to all the survivors on the island.

**Shown Above: Vincentian, Isabel Darcy of Tampa, Florida on a recovery deployment to St. Croix of the US Virgin Islands making personal visits to community members neighborhoods for assistance and aid.**

# D S C E M P L O Y E E S P O T L I G H T



Gerry Salinas began work for the Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA. April 2, 2018. Mr. Salinas is a university of Kansas Graduate with a Bachelors Degree in General Studies Majoring in Personnel Administration. His corporate experience began in Houston, Texas as a Bilingual Field Recruiter for Brown & Root, now known as KBR, a Halliburton Co. From there Gerry transitioned into an Agency Recruiter, eventually owning & operating his own Executive Search & Recruiting firm. His "Niche" was recruiting & placing Bilingual(Eng. & Span.) professional for major Dallas based Cos. & for Fortune 100 & 500 Corporations. Gerry ran that Agency from 1984- 2009. Gerry was called on by a few former Recruiters to join them as Contract Recruiters for short & long term assignments in the DFW area. He went into semi-retirement in 2017 until called on by DSC, SVDP's mission to help the Hurricane survivors of Hurricane Harvey & Irma. He is based in our Las Colinas/Irving, TX. Office located at 320 Decker Drive, Irving, TX. 75062. Since being hired, Gerry has recruited for the Hurricane Harvey ramp up recovery going on now in Southeast Texas, from Beaumont, Texas and numerous surrounding counties to areas & counties from Victoria to Port Aransas to Corpus Christi, TX. Gerry handled all the strategic recruiting needs for the Disaster Case Managers and support personnel for these areas. He's currently traveling in the Sarasota/Manatee, Florida areas recruiting Disaster Case Managers for the victims from Hurricane Irma. He will also be planning a recruiting strategy for new a contract in Baton, Rouge, Louisiana. Gerry will also be handling all Human Resources duties from ADP input, benefits and new hire documentation. Gerry was in Semi-Retirement until DSC called on him for this HR position.

**Shown Above: Gerry Salinas, DSC HR Director operating out of the office in Alexandria, Virginia (DC Metro).**

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Brooke Newton, Deputy Director: [bnewton@svdpcdisaster.org](mailto:bnewton@svdpcdisaster.org)

**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.**

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