



The Salvation Army

**Southern Territory Emergency Disaster Services
Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network**



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The Salvation Army Supports Manhunt For Killer In Southern California



Weldon, CA (August 8, 2015) - The Salvation Army will resume feeding operations in support of the law enforcement personnel engaged in a massive manhunt in eastern Kern County, about two hours north of Los Angeles. At least eight agencies – from county Sheriff’s Departments to U.S. Marshalls – are staged near the community of Weldon and carefully searching a five-square mile area for a man suspected of murdering David Louis Markiewitz of Tehachapi and kidnapping three men near Jawbone Canyon.

Salvation Army volunteers from Lake Isabella and Mojave have been on scene with a Disaster Services Canteen (mobile kitchen) since Monday, at the request of the American Red Cross, providing meals, snacks, fruit and drinks to search personnel staged at two locations. As the number of agencies involved in the search has increased, the number of meals served by the

Salvation Army also increased from 100 to over 700 meals per day. As of Friday evening, a collective of 2,250 meals had been served by Salvation Army and Red Cross teams this week.

Today, American Red Cross will begin transitioning remaining operational responsibility to The Salvation Army. This means, The Salvation Army will assume responsibility for providing three meals per day and maintaining shelter/sleeping areas for search crews until the search operation ends. The 11-day search is required to move slowly, so officers can carefully search the rugged terrain, with abandoned mines, caves, rocks and sage brush. It is unknown how long it may take to locate and capture the suspect.

“It’s a privilege to be able to serve alongside the law enforcement agencies working to find the suspect and restore calm to the local towns in the area,” said John McKnight, Emergency Disaster Services Director for The Salvation Army’s Golden State Division. “Whether a natural disaster, manmade disaster, or even a horrible tragedy like the community of Weldon has experienced, The Salvation Army is committed to serving as long as needed.”

Texas Baptist Men Provide Specialized Water Filtration System To Texas EDS



Dallas, TX (August 4, 2015) – The Texas Baptist Men provided a new specialized filtering system for The Salvation Army water tanker. This system purifies water with a combination of UV Light and five different filters, which will allow The Salvation Army to provide filtered water to any disaster response resource. This cooperative effort illustrates the value of having strong partnerships during disaster and non-disaster times.

The Salvation Army Texas Division’s 3,250 gallon water tanker, donated by the John Soules Food Co., is deployable to any municipality or jurisdiction in need of bulk water statewide.

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Mississippi Hams To Commemorate Katrina 10th Anniversary With Special Event



From L to R: SATERN Operators Ed Manley (W4AGA), an unidentified operator, Mark Griggs (KB8YMN), Richard Carey (KBØOTZ), and an unidentified operator at the SATERN Communications Tent at Yankee Stadium in Biloxi, MS.

Jackson, MS, TX (August 10, 2015) – A special event operation from August 26 through September 2 will commemorate the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina which made landfall on August 29, 2005. It is being conducted to remember those who were impacted by Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi, including over 230 people who lost their lives.

“Many lost everything they owned and many lost their lives,” said Larry Morgan, AG5Z, who is spearheading the event. “We also want to honor the hundreds of volunteers from all over the country that poured in to assist us in our time of dire need.”

Several stations in cities and towns impacted by Hurricane Katrina will use special event K (for Katrina) prefix 1 × 1 call signs. The operation will begin on August 26 at 0000 UTC from home stations. On August 29 at 1300 — the time of Katrina’s impact — all stations will reduce power to 100 W, except for bonus stations K5M and K5T. Reduced-power operation will continue until September 2 at 2359 UTC.

K5Z at “ground zero” will be a portable QRP station on the beach using temporary antennas and emergency power.

Four different certificates will be available for this event. See the Katrina 10th Anniversary Special Memorial Event website at www.katrina5h.com for details. Send logs and QSLs to AG5Z.

Morgan thanked the 599 DX Association and the Hattiesburg Amateur Radio Club for their coordinating this event.

Active stations will include:

Call Sign	Station Operator	Station Location	Call Sign	Station Operator	Station Location	Call Sign	Station Operator	Station Location
K5C	AE5JG	Harrison County	K5L	W5MZX	Long Beach	K5T	KG5BA	Thank You Station
K5G	KB5HC	Gulfport	K5M	W5XX	Memorial Station	K5V	K5YG	Vancleave
K5H	AG5Z	Hattiesburg	K5O	K2FF	Ocean Springs	K5W	AB6Z	Waveland
K5J	AE5SK	Jackson	K5S	N5FG	Wiggins	K5Z	W5UE	Ground Zero (QRP)



Richard Carey, KBØOTZ (left) and Mark Griggs, KB8YMN (right) operating the SATERN station in the EDS Director’s office.

SATERN was also very active after Hurricane Katrina. Operators came from all over the United States to provide The Salvation Army with Health & Welfare and Situational Awareness / Tactical Communications support. A station was set up for a brief period of time at Divisional Headquarters for the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi Division in Jackson, MS. It was set up the office of Bill Feist, WB8BZH, who was the Divisional Emergency Disaster Services (EDSD) Director.

Another station was set up in a tent at Yankee Stadium in Biloxi, MS, which was the main staging area for all Salvation Army operation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Salvation Army had just purchased the property three days before Katrina came ashore. Overall, SATERN received 60,000 Health & Welfare Inquiries and delivered 25,000 Health & Welfare messages. It also relayed numerous emergency messages from or about people who were stranded or in need of assistance, helping to save several lives. SATERN’s contribution may

be recognized in an article about Hurricane Katrina in an upcoming issue of SOUTHERN SPIRIT, the official magazine of The Salvation Army for the Southern Territory.

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WAR CRY Publishes Special EDS Issue For August



National HQ, TX (August 2015) – WAR CRY, the official magazine of The Salvation Army in the United States, has dedicated its' August 2015 issue to Emergency Disaster Services with a special focus on the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

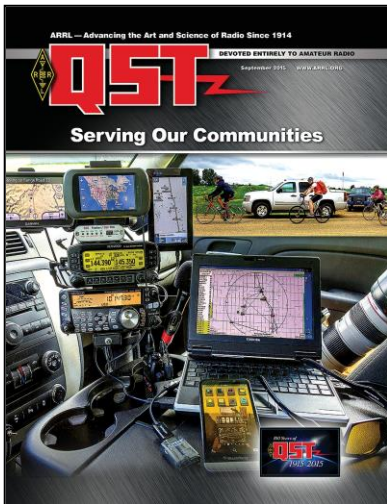
In the August issue, various articles deal with the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and New Orleans as well as other parts of Louisiana. Because your Editor was the Divisional Emergency Disaster Services Director for the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi (ALM) Division when Katrina made landfall on August 29, 2005, that particular article brought back a lot of memories.

The August issue also reviews the various emergency and disaster services programs and resources available, including SATERN, in each of the four – Eastern, Southern, Central and Western – Territories.

Although SATERN is mentioned only briefly as part of The Salvation Army's overall ability to provide emergency communications, it is still a noteworthy development.

The August issue of WAR CRY is currently available at local Salvation Army facilities in your community or online at http://www.warcrymag.com/issues/2015_August/

September Issue Of QST Publishes Article About Texas SATERN Exercise



National HQ (August 2015) – On June 8-10, 2005, the Texas Division of The Salvation Army deployed its SATERN Team and its new Emergency Communications Vehicle to Camp Mabry near Austin, TX, to participate in the National Mass Care Exercise for 2015 (NMCE15).

Articles about that deployment and what SATERN learned have been published in previous issues of this newsletter.

Mike Corey, K11U, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager, was an observer and evaluator for that exercise and he has written a very complete article in the September issue of QST. The published hardcopy version should be available soon, but the digital version is available now on the ARRL website.

As mentioned previously, The Salvation Army is very grateful for the participation and assistance given to it during this exercise by Corey and the ARRL as well as MARS and Paul English, WD8DBY, who is the U.S. Army MARS Program Manager.

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The Salvation Army in Greece Offers Assistance to Refugees



International HQ (August 14, 2015) - The Salvation Army is providing a compassionate ministry to some of the thousands of refugees who have fled to Greece from north Africa and the Middle East. Up to 1,500 people are arriving every week at the Port of Pireas, Athens, with many setting up unofficial camps in the center of Athens.

Major Polis Pantelidis, from Athens Corps (church), has been supplying food parcels to people living rough in the parks, although this has proved difficult because the need is so great and he cannot take enough food for everyone.

Plans are in place to put together food parcels for people arriving at Pireas, to help them cope with the system of processing and registration that can take many hours. The provision of bread, food and drink will also offer opportunities for conversations and, the Salvation Army team members hope, will take away some of the fear for people who have fled atrocities and now find themselves in a strange country with little or no support.

At the Athens Corps, children's activities are being run, attended mainly by young people who have recently come to Greece by boat. In a safe environment, they are given the opportunity to express their feelings and talk about their experiences through games and drawing. The activities are run by a group of up to 15 volunteers, with links being formed with other groups should more help be needed.

The Salvation Army will continue to do all it can to help the increasing number of refugees, though funding is proving difficult – especially as so many people in Greece are already facing hardship because of the economic crisis.

An article featuring The Salvation Army's ministry, written by journalist Jameela Freitas for *The New Internationalist*, is available online at: <http://newint.org/features/web-exclusive/2015/08/10/refugees-greece-migration/>

The Salvation Army Serving Myanmar Communities In National Flood Crisis



International HQ (August 2015) - Since Myanmar's rainy season commenced in early June, close to one million people have been affected by widespread flooding – compounded by Cyclone Komen – in 12 of the 14 states across the country. Considered some of the worst flooding experienced by the area in decades, nearly 100 people have died and 1.2 million acres of rice fields have been destroyed.

The Salvation Army is working alongside government and nongovernment organizations (NGO) to deliver relief assistance to the affected communities in the form of food, water, and shelter. Infrastructure damage remains a major concern as roads and bridges have been destroyed, and in some cases, swept away by the flooding. Many Salvation Army buildings and facilities are housing those who have lost their homes. Long-term relief efforts will revolve around funding and redevelopment of homes, toilets, and wells.

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