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To: Pisarik, HollyHollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov
CC: Stenson, KimKstenson@emd.sc.gov
Date: 10/31/2015 2:21:48 PM
Subject: RE: D-SNAP Distro Support

Holly,

I spoke with the Dorchester Emergency Manager. He checked in with the local DSS rep in Dorchester. Coordination with the Red Cross may have met their volunteer needs at that location.

Sincerely,

Steven

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: "Pisarik, Holly" <HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 10/31/2015 2:13 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Batson, Steven" <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>
Cc: "Stenson, Kim" <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>, mike.moore@fema.dhs.gov
Subject: Re: D-SNAP Distro Support

I just talked to Director Taylor at LLR. They have not received any offer of assistance though firefighter mobilization and according to Bert and Dan, they don't expect a large response.

Mike, Prior to our 4 call today, can you have your legal counsel send me the specific provision that prohibits FEMA from providing this support. I've looked, and I can't find it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 31, 2015, at 1:08 PM, "Batson, Steven" <sbatson@emd.sc.gov> wrote:

Holly,

I have added Mike Moore, FEMA's FCO to this email for further explanation. We asked Mike to provide support for this mission at 12:30 yesterday. He and his staff understood the requirement and went to work to address the need. After a follow up meeting at 2:00 and again at 4:00, they could not get resolution with legal at FEMA HQ and in the Region. At 4:30 they got a definitive legal answer back that indicated stafford act funding could not be used to support the DSNAP program citing DSNAP has its own Management and Administration funding.

Also, know that the firefighter mobilization request for assistance was sent to a very large number of firefighters. Do you feel the other options for volunteers will not support?

Sincerely,

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From: "Pisarik, Holly" <HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov>

Date: 10/31/2015 12:45 PM (GMT-05:00)

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Subject: Re: D-SNAP Distro Support

Thanks, Steven. I need to understand this statement, 'FEMA is unable to resolve a funding issue, so they cannot use their Stafford Act funding for this mission.' We need to find a work around. FEMA is our best (if not only) option at this point. I need to understand their justification for this statement. Can you please ask them to provide me support for this statement as soon as possible but definitely by late afternoon today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 30, 2015, at 6:20 PM, "Batson, Steven" <sbatson@emd.sc.gov> wrote:

Update:

We worked every possible avenue for this fast turn-around request. FEMA is unable to resolve a funding issue, so they cannot use their Stafford Act funding for this mission. A majority of the SC State Guard is unavailable next week but should be available to assist with some of the future weeks.

The volunteer need will be advertised through the United Way's 2-1-1. Individuals wishing to volunteer will be provided with the Sunday training information and Monday-Friday staffing information. SC's Firefighter Mobilization has also been provided with the information. Firefighters could possibly fill some of these missions. Lastly, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) have been contacted in the Lowcountry (for Dorchester), Orangeburg, and Spartanburg for possible mission support. Would like to resource Spartanburg to Richland County's site and Orangeburg to Lexington as a possible destination. Lexington CERT is tied up with a Luke Bryan Farm Aid concert in Pelion on Sunday...knocks them out of being able to attend the training.

Despite all those being called, the possibility that few will arrive at the designated training on Sunday is very possible. It sounds like law enforcement is secure. Coordinated with SLED and they have a full roster prepared for the LE mission (8 at each site per day). I'll be available this weekend should anyone need anything. Amber, if you can provide an update as to how many attended training at each site, that would be great.

Sincerely,

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From: "Smith, Austin" <AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov>
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To: "Gillum, Amber" <Amber.Gillum@dss.sc.gov>, "Stenson, Kim" <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Cc: "Alford, Susan" <susan.alford@dss.sc.gov>, "Derrick, Barbara" <Barbara.Derrick@dss.sc.gov>, "Pisarik, Holly" <HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov>, "Patel, Swati" <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: D-SNAP
Kim,

Thanks for taking the time discuss the urgent need for assistance at DSS. They would welcome anybody we can produce from FEMA, FEMA Corps, AmeriCorps, etc. The details of the DSS request are pasted below. I am copying Amber Gillum at DSS on this email for coordination. You can also reach her at 803-331-7350.

Thanks,

Austin M. Smith
Deputy Chief of Staff - Cabinet
Governor Nikki Haley
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Here are the modified numbers we're requesting for volunteers from other agencies for the 4 DSNAPs scheduled for next week. I have attached the list of volunteers as of 10/28/15, and will send the estimates for weeks 3 and 4 tomorrow.

Richland = 75
Lexington = 50
Dorchester = 40
Sumter = 25

We are requesting staff to assist with the following duties:

- Translation/Interpretation. Provide language services to applicants with limited English proficiency.
- Greeter. Welcome applicants as they enter application site and direct them to the appropriate area.
- Application Assistant. Distribute applications, pens, and clipboards. Help those who have difficulty understanding or completing the application.
- Pre-Screener. Talk to applicants waiting in line about general eligibility criteria (not potential eligibility of a particular household); review applications for completeness before applicants are interviewed.

- Human Comforts. Distribute food/water, direct applicants to restrooms or medical facilities, assist applicants with disabilities and the elderly.

Volunteers would be required to attend training at their assigned site for part of the day on Sunday, November 1st. Each site will operate from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday, November 2nd through Friday, November 6th.

<Disaster SNAP Locations and Training Info.docx>