

South Carolina
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging
South Carolina Aging Network
Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Activities
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In summary, the South Carolina aging network consists of the South Carolina Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA) and 10 regional Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which each serve designated planning service areas consisting of multiple counties.

The South Carolina aging network took many precautionary measures in preparation for Hurricane Matthew, and the LGOA continues to work closely with all impacted regions as we work to provide assistance and resources so that they are able to resume normal operating conditions as soon as possible and begin the recovery process. Throughout the process, the following actions have been taken, and many remain ongoing:

- Maintained contact with all 10 regional AAA Directors and their respective Emergency Preparedness Coordinators via e-mail and statewide aging network conference calls (coordinated by the LGOA); in addition, held region specific calls with AAA Directors in service areas directly affected by Hurricane Matthew.
- Compiled and tracked requested daily regional updates regarding operational status, any interruptions of services, evacuations, unmet needs, initial damage assessments, and client welfare checks beginning on Wednesday, October 5th.
- Shared updates, notifications, press releases, and recovery/resource information both internally and within the aging network, as received.
- Coordinated the local distribution of shelf-stable meals, disaster information, and water to aging network clients before and after the disaster.
- Conducted ongoing welfare checks for all clients currently receiving services, with special attention to those experiencing any level of interruption of services. Any unmet and/or critical needs are being reported to local emergency management offices.
- Participating in on-going disability integration and functional needs calls to help request and coordinate assistance with durable medical equipment and access for our clients as needed.
- Assisting in facilitating coordination amongst regional and local aging network leadership and appropriate emergency officials to help best service our clients throughout the recovery process.

The LGOA has initiated multiple resource requests on behalf of AAAs and their local providers to corresponding county emergency management offices and/or local Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), based on the needs of seniors in disaster-affected communities.

Resource Requests

- Horry: 525 clients – Meals for 3 days – Expected delivery to Conway on 10/13/2016
- Williamsburg: Original request – 350 clients – Water for 3 days – Expected delivery to Vital Aging in Kingstree completed on 10/12/2016
- Georgetown: 230 clients – Water for 3 days – Expected delivery on 10/13/2016
- Edisto: 30 clients – Meals and water for 5 days – Expected delivery to Trident AAA in North Charleston on 10/13/2016
- McClellanville: 100 clients – Meals and water for 5 days – Expected delivery to South Santee Senior and Community Center in McClellanville on 10/13/2016
- Awendaw: 100 clients – Meals and water for 5 days – Expected delivery to Awendaw Senior Center in Awendaw on 10/13/2016
- Shiloh/St. John (Sumter): 15 clients – Meals and water – Delivery completed on 10/12/2016
- Colleton: 310 clients – Meals and water for 3 days – Drop-off to central location requested (pending)
- Beaufort: 211 clients – Meals and water for 5 days – Delivery completed on 10/12/2016
- Clarendon (Summerton and Pinewood sites): 166 clients – Meals for 5 days – Expected delivery on 10/13/2016
- Pee Dee: 1,371 clients in 5 counties (area heavily impacted by disaster) – Feeding America boxes (meals, water, hygiene products, etc.) requested – Expected delivery on the evening of 10/12/2016

The LGOA will continue to coordinate with other agencies and organizations to provide support and assistance to all regional AAAs. The health, welfare, and safety of seniors who reside in the disaster-affected communities remains our top priority.