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Fact Sheet - Hurricane Irene Assistance Provided By New Jersey Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) And Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteers

CERT & MRC Volunteers Worked A Total Of 41,941 Hours Supporting Hurricane Irene Emergency Response Efforts In New Jersey

The entire state of New Jersey was impacted by Hurricane Irene when it made landfall in the southern part of the state as a Category 1 hurricane on August 28, 2011. Governor Christie declared a State of Emergency on August 25, 2011. Voluntary, then mandatory, evacuation efforts commenced almost immediately to help prepare for storm-related problems. Contra-flow ("reverse lane") roadway evacuations facilitated the safe evacuation of approximately 1 million residents from shore area communities. Flooding, blocked roadways, electrical power outages, sheltering responsibilities, medical assistance requests, and clean-up operations placed an extreme burden on the state's first responder community.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers from all across New Jersey answered the call for help and provided valuable support and assistance in all 21 counties.

Below is an overview of the support extended by CERT / MRC volunteers in each county:

Atlantic

- CERT volunteers worked **240 hours** supporting evacuations and shelter operations
- MRC volunteers worked **100 hours** supporting shelter Operations

BERGEN

- CERT volunteers worked **6280 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC and call centers and flood response duties.
- MRC volunteers worked **60 hours** supporting shelter operations.

BURLINGTON

- CERT volunteers worked **1800 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC and call centers and flood response duties.

- MRC volunteers worked **1200 hours** supporting shelter operations and addressing medical needs.

CAMDEN

- CERT volunteers worked **184 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC call centers, assisting fire department personnel, and searching for a missing 10 year old boy separated from his mother (located successfully)
- MRC volunteers worked **60 hours** supporting shelter operations

CAPE MAY

- CERT volunteers worked **240 hours** supporting shelter operations and staffing EOC and call centers.
- MRC volunteers worked **50 hours** supporting shelter operations

CUMBERLAND

- CERT volunteers worked **500 hours** supporting shelter Operations
- MRC volunteers worked **64 hours** supporting shelter operations

ESSEX

- CERT volunteers worked **420 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC and call centers and flood cleanup operations

GLOUCESTER

- MRC volunteers worked **60 hours** supporting shelter operations

HUDSON

- CERT volunteers worked **210 hours** supporting shelter operations and flood response duties
- MRC volunteers worked **192 hours** supporting shelter operations

HUNTERDON

- CERT volunteers worked **840 hours** supporting evacuation and shelter operations and flood response duties.
- MRC volunteers worked **144 hours** supporting shelter operations.

MERCER

- CERT volunteers worked **320 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC and call centers, flood response duties and distributing information to victims.
- MRC volunteers worked **256 hours** supporting shelter operations and assisting with the evacuation of a nursing home.

MIDDLESEX

- CERT volunteers worked **397 hours** supporting shelter operations .

MONMOUTH

- CERT volunteers worked **9860 hours** supporting shelter operations, road closure detail, evacuations, staffing EOC and call centers, flood cleanup duties.
- MRC volunteers worked **456 hours** supporting shelter operations

MORRIS

- CERT volunteers worked **1680 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC and call centers, and flood response duties
- MRC volunteers worked **420 hours** supporting shelter operations.

OCEAN

- CERT volunteers worked **450 hours** supporting shelter Operations.
- MRC volunteers worked **128 hours** supporting shelter operations

PASSAIC

- CERT volunteers worked **11,815 hours** supporting shelter operations, flood response duties, flood clean up and staffing EOC and call centers.

SALEM

- CERT volunteers worked **906 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC and call centers and distributing supplies

SOMERSET

- CERT volunteers worked **1094 hours** supporting shelter operations, staffing EOC and call centers, and with flood response duties.
- MRC volunteers worked **128 hours** supporting medical operations and shelters.

SUSSEX

- CERT volunteers worked **446 hours** supporting shelter operations.

UNION

- CERT volunteers worked **320 hours** supporting shelter operations.
- MRC volunteers worked **480 hours** supporting shelter operations.

WARREN

- CERT volunteers worked **141 hours** supporting shelter operations.

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