



# National Service in Federally Declared Disasters

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# National Service in Disasters

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- Established in 1993
- Federal Agency
- Engage more than 5 Million Americans in Service
  - Through our programs:



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CNCS is written into the National Response Framework (NRF)

- Supporting Agency for ESF 6
- Cooperating Agency for Volunteer and Donations Management Support Annex
- Have deployed CNCS assets on nearly every major federally declared disaster since 1995.

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How do we engage in federally declared disasters?

- Important: We want to partner with you!
- We only come when invited
- Through the Mission Assignment process
  - Usually initiated by the FEMA VAL in coordination with the state (State VAL or agency lead for volunteer and donation management)

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What are CNCS assets that can be deployed?

- Usually AmeriCorps Programs
  - Specific AmeriCorps programs that have training and enter into an agreement with our agency
  - Called AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams (A-DRTs)
  - AmeriCorps NCCC
- Can also include Senior Corps (RSVP)
- Does not include FEMA Corps – Why?

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## AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams

<b>AmeriCorps St. Louis ERT</b>	<b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>
<b>California Conservation Corps</b>	Sacramento, California
<b>Coconino Environmental Corps</b>	Flagstaff, Arizona
<b>Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa</b>	St. Paul, Minnesota
<b>Hoopa TCCC</b>	Hoopa, California
<b>Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service</b>	Des Moines, Iowa
<b>Montana Conservation Corps</b>	Bozeman, Montana
<b>Rocky Mountain Youth Corps</b>	Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico
<b>Southwest Conservation Corps</b>	Durango, Colorado
<b>St. Bernard Project</b>	Chalmette, Louisiana
<b>Student Conservation Association, Inc.</b>	Various; Based out of Charlestown, New Hampshire
<b>Texas Conservation Corps @ American YouthWorks</b>	Austin, Texas
<b>Utah Conservation Corps</b>	Logan, Utah
<b>Washington Conservation Corps</b>	Olympia, Washington
<b>YouthBuild USA</b>	Various; Based out of Somerville, Massachusetts

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What can A-DRTs do?

- Individual Assistance
- Volunteer and Donations Management
- Public Assistance
- Community Outreach
- Capacity Building

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What does this cost and who pays for it?

- Funded through the MA process
- State Cost Share MA
- Average cost in 2013

What about offsetting the costs?

- In Joplin, MO AmeriCorps members instrumental in coordination of volunteers – saved the city more than \$17.7 million in disaster costs!

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Examples of recent deployments...

Yukon River Flooding – Alaska 2013

Hurricane Sandy – NJ and NY 2012 - 2013

Joplin, MO Tornadoes – Fact Sheets

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## AmeriCorps contributions in Alaska

AmeriCorps teams worked in the small towns and villages of Galena, Alakanuk, Emmonak, Circle, Ft. Yukon, and Hughes. Teams also worked in Anchorage and Fairbanks supporting teams in the field.

A total of 67 AmeriCorps members and program staff served 18,914 hours

Worked on 68 structures (muck and gut, insulation, minor repair)

Cleared more than 126.6 tons of debris

Leveraged 854 volunteers for 7,432 volunteer hours

Collected and warehoused 27.5 tons of donations

Assisted 89 people in shelters

Cut and delivered 50 cords of firewood



## FEMA DR-4122-AK Voluntary Agency Assignments As of 9/16/13



### Galena

- Agency:  
 \* A/C (20) VRC  
 \* A/C (4) MC  
 \* United Methodist Volunteers in Mission  
 Team 4 (10): Start 9/3 End 9/17  
 Housing: Responder Support Camp  
 Team 5 (10): Start 9/10 End 9/24  
 Housing: Responder Support Camp  
 Team 6 (10): Start 9/17 End 10/1  
 Housing: Responder Support Camp  
 \* Arizona Baptist Rebuilders  
 Team 1 (7): Start 9/17 End 10/1  
 Housing: Responder Support Camp  
 \* Disciples of Christ (3)  
 Start: 9/3 End: 9/17  
 Housing: Responder Support Camp  
 \* FEMA Corps (11) Mass Care  
 Start: 9/5 End: 11/8  
 Housing: Barracks/Responder Support Camp

### Hughes

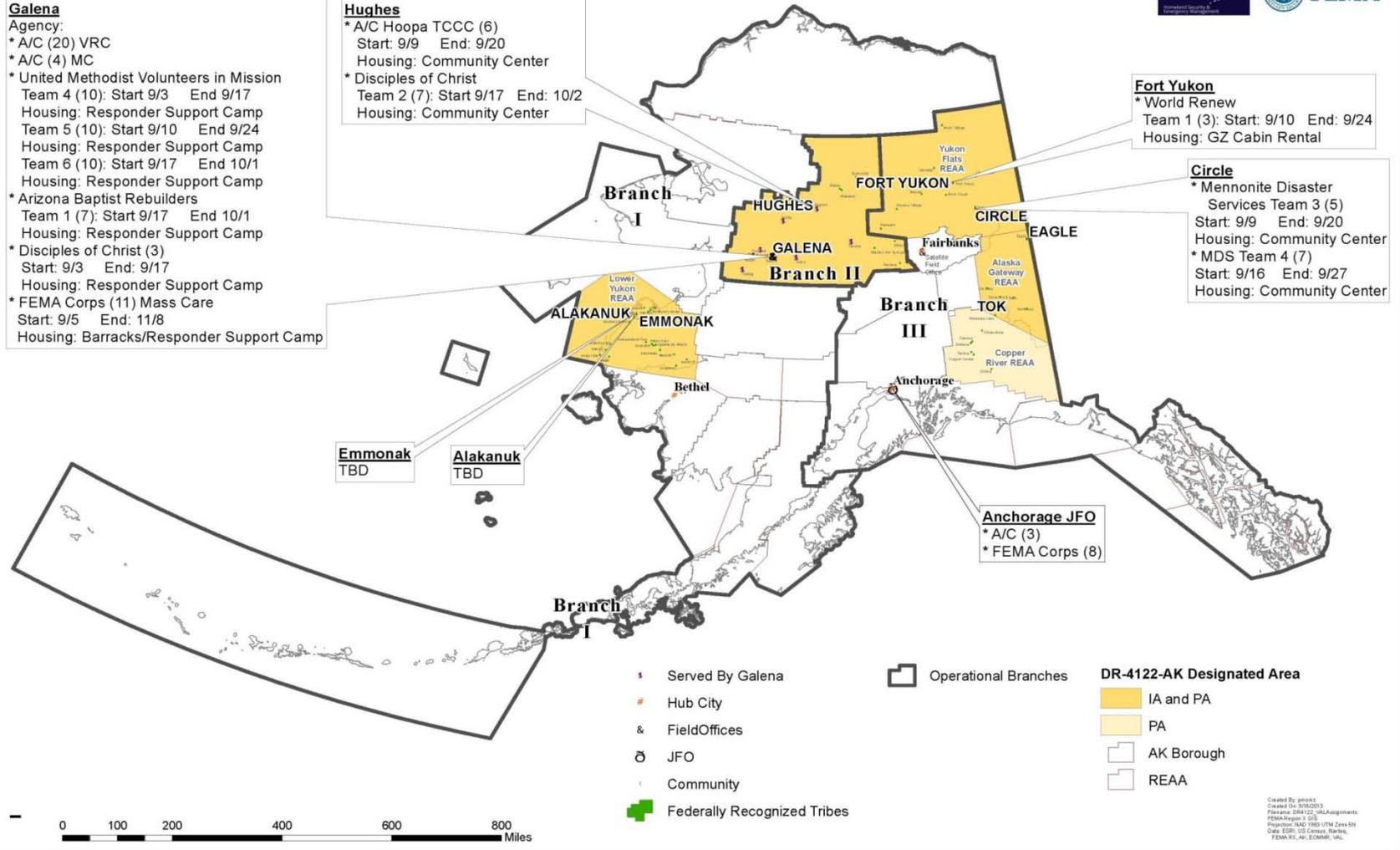
- \* A/C Hoopa TCCC (6)  
 Start: 9/9 End: 9/20  
 Housing: Community Center  
 \* Disciples of Christ  
 Team 2 (7): Start 9/17 End: 10/2  
 Housing: Community Center

### Fort Yukon

- \* World Renew  
 Team 1 (3): Start: 9/10 End: 9/24  
 Housing: GZ Cabin Rental

### Circle

- \* Mennonite Disaster Services Team 3 (5)  
 Start: 9/9 End: 9/20  
 Housing: Community Center  
 \* MDS Team 4 (7)  
 Start: 9/16 End: 9/27  
 Housing: Community Center



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## Perspectives from a Tribal Liaison in Yukon River Flooding 2013

- FEMA is all about partnerships; for villagers it is all about relationships
- When devastated it is hard to get started again, AmeriCorps brought the needed energy and had the willingness to do the 'dirty' jobs (muck out, etc.)
- AmeriCorps built strong 'good will' for those they helped and those who brought them to Alaska.
- AmeriCorps is still asked about by village leadership
- One person's attitude can make or break community vision (however the AmeriCorps carried themselves well)
- Requirements for lodging, etc. can be very difficult in small villages
- AmeriCorps is not cheap but they were a bargain.

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## Perspectives from a FEMA Logistics Chief

*“First and foremost – I really appreciated their organization skills...they came in and hit the ground running. The first day they were in Galena they met with me and we discussed what they needed regards to transportation and tools to meet their objectives; the leadership here was very professional. They never complained about taking cold showers (artic cold) everyday for a month. They looked every day for how they could help and benefit the residents and the community made them their friend. They were always approachable and willing to work -- even the work that no one else wanted to do. The first group that came in was very stellar and set the expectation for others to follow. These guys were really good to work with, can't say enough.”*

-- Chris Roberts, FEMA Logistics (Galena, AK)

# Yukon River Flooding - Galena, AK 2013



# Yukon River Flooding - Alukanuk, AK 2013



# Yukon River Flooding Galena, Alaska - 2013



# Habitat for Humanity HQ in Breezy Point, Queens, NY after Hurricane Sandy - 2012



# Seaside, NJ Hurricane Sandy - 2012



# AC Members, National Guard and FEMA staff meeting for daily briefing – Hurricane Sandy



# Hurricane Sandy NY - 2012



# Joplin Tornado - 2011

More than **350 AmeriCorps Members** served more than **76,000 hours**, managed more than **75,000 volunteers** who served **520,000 hours**, completed more than **2,200 homeowner requests**, and mucked or gutted **730 homes**.



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## Joplin Tornado – 2011

Watch Count on Us Video: <http://youtu.be/RZApUJHy3GM>

Watch Joplin: One Year Later: [http://youtu.be/1enNhb\\_9nOA](http://youtu.be/1enNhb_9nOA)

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## Questions?

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