



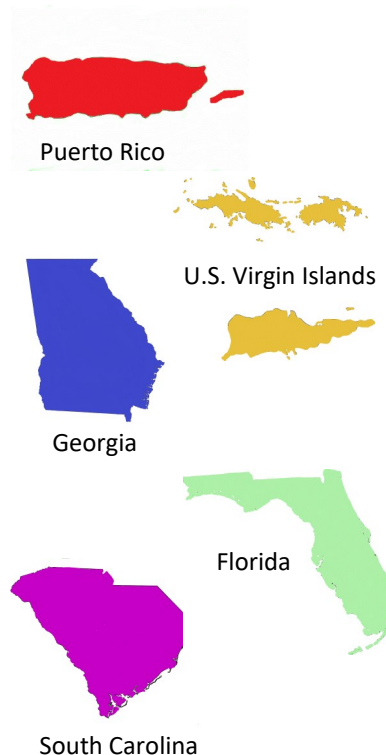
# DR:4337 IRMA Surge Capacity Force Bulletin



Surge 24/7 Emergency Number—(202) 735-7159

## Welcome to the Bulletin!

The Surge Capacity Support staff is set up and ready to help with whatever you need while you are serving with us here in Florida. The team is temporarily located in the Interim Operating Facility (IOF) in Orlando, FL and expected to be relocated to the Joint Field Office in the coming days. We would like to thank FEMA Corps team Summit 3 for mapping the state of Florida to track all our Surge personnel as well as Summit 5 for helping out with signage and newsletters at the IOF in Tallahassee. We now welcome a new FEMA Corps team Summit 2, who have joined us to continue the support. The Surge Capacity Support staff has the knowledge needed to help you do your best while helping others on this disaster deployment. One of the services offered to you through this staff will be this weekly bulletin. This bulletin will give you an update on what your fellow Surge Capacity Force volunteers are doing throughout the disaster affected areas including: the accomplishments of the different task forces, interesting stories of those currently serving, and recognition to those who go above and beyond while helping Floridians. It will also provide information about events happening throughout the disaster area to recognize and celebrate those who are responding to this DR-4337-FL and DR-4338-GA. We hope this bulletin is fun and helpful to you! Please remember to contact us if you need anything. The support staff can be reached at their location at the IOF until a Joint Field Office (JFO) can be set up and be relocated.



## The Importance of Surge Volunteers

Since Hurricane Harvey hit on August 25th, over 2,500 employees of the Department of Homeland Security and Other Federal Agencies have volunteered to go through rigorous training to help Harvey and Irma survivors in their time of need. This is only the second time that the Surge Capacity Force has been activated for a major disaster response. This should tell you how important it is that you all are here. The Surge Capacity Force is activated in the aftermath of catastrophic events to help support response and recovery efforts on these disasters. With the help from Surge volunteers, we can do our best to get disaster survivors on their feet as soon as possible.

## What Surge is Doing

Cadre	DSA	EA	IA	IMAT	IT	LOG	SCF	MIT
Number of Surge Personnel	434	19	23	1	6	154	12	26

The table above shows what Surge personnel are currently doing on DR-4337. Majority are working with the Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) cadre, helping to assess damage and register people for federal disaster assistance. Along with that, many Surge personnel are working on the Fuel Mission or other areas within the Logistics cadre. Regardless of which cadre Surge volunteers are supporting they are absolutely providing vital support to the regular FEMA personnel.



## SCF Volunteer Component Summary

	DHSHQ	CPB	USSS	TSA	FLETC	USCG	ICE	USCIS	Totals
Wave 1	23	32	6	81	9	24	12	55	242
Wave 2	17	31	4	150	15	6	12	99	334
Wave 3	17	42	3	150	17	15	15	102	361
Wave 4	14	0	0	126	6	2	12	119	279
Wave 5	12	7	2	41	0	0	9	112	183
Wave 6	12	9	2	48	0	5	14	99	189
Wave 7	19	11	0	65	0	11	13	66	185
Wave 8	7	8	0	68	0	7	2	25	117
<b>Totals</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>1890</b>

## Where Did You Come From?

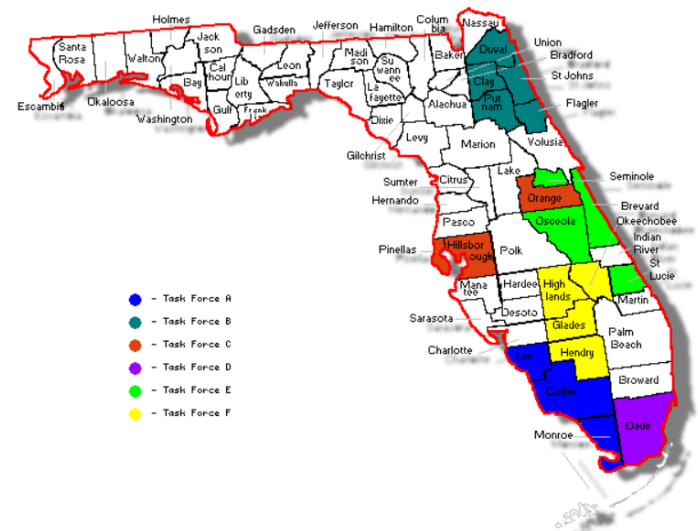
If we look at the statistics of volunteers who joined the Surge Capacity Force, there's a great chance you came from the Transportation Security Administration or Citizenship and Immigration Services. Combined, those two components sent over two thirds of all Surge personnel. Regardless of where you came from, make sure to tell your co-workers about your experiences serving on a disaster and encourage them to sign up for the Surge Capacity Force program!



## Not the only folks from out of town!

As Surge personnel you are part of a group of responders from all across the country. Pictured left are urban search and rescue workers from Colorado who came to the Orlando area to help.

With most of the Surge personnel working in DSA, here is a snapshot of where the task forces are currently assigned to serve throughout the state.



## Have a story or picture to share?

If you have a story, a picture of your work, or something else you would like to share with all other Surge personnel here in Florida, please submit it to be released in the Bulletin!

**All submissions should be sent to:**  
[Janessa.ilada@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Janessa.ilada@fema.dhs.gov)

### For Safety & Security Contact Information:

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225-916-0052

Security Officer:

202-578-1845

**Daily Reminder:** Don't forget to check into DTS everyday!



## Who You May See on the Field

### PICTURE OF THE WEEK



FEMA Corps team Summit 2



### Who Are They?

If you're in the office or out in the field, you may see teams of young adults in red and blue shirts. They are members of the FEMA Corps program dedicated to support disaster operations whether it be Logistics, Planning, DSA, to Surge Capacity Force.

### AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and FEMA

Often referred to as FEMA Corps, the full name of the program is called AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency, is the parent agency of the AmeriCorps programs. AmeriCorps NCCC is a traditional program for young adults who want to give back to communities in need across the country. In 2012, the FEMA Corps track was created as a partnership between CNCS and FEMA, establishing 1,600 service Corps Members dedicated to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

### What We Do

The program is a full-time, team-based residential service program for men and women ages 18-24 operating under the same campus structure as AmeriCorps NCCC. FEMA Corps Members are assigned to one of five NCCC campuses, located in Denver, Colorado; Sacramento, California; Baltimore, Maryland; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and Vinton, Iowa. FEMA Corps Members receive a living allowance of \$4,000 for the 10 months of service (about \$200 every two weeks before taxes); housing; meals; limited medical benefits; up to \$400 a month for childcare, if necessary; member uniforms; and a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of the program. FEMA Corps Members solely focus on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities with FEMA. While members of the program primarily support their campus region, disaster relief efforts are based on community needs and members may have the opportunity to serve in other regions. They are dedicated to FEMA deployments in areas of logistics, disaster survivor assistance (DSA), individual and public assistance and recovery. They serve three rounds throughout the program to provide support in areas ranging from working directly with disaster survivors to supporting disaster recovery centers to sharing valuable disaster preparedness and mitigation information with the public.

### Summit 2

Summit 2 (a team from the Southern Region campus in Vicksburg, MS) is serving their third and final round with the Surge Capacity Force in Orlando, Florida. Prior to their arrival, they were at FEMA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. working to support deployments of SCF Volunteers from DHS and other federal agencies. The team has helped deploy over 2,000 volunteers from over 12 agencies to aid in the recovery efforts for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in coordination with the Surge Capacity Force Section and support, and DHS/OFA liaisons.