2010
Visitor Information Center
Hurricane Readiness Plan
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Increasingly every year Georgia and our neighboring states are challenged with the prospect of a hurricane. The forecast is calling for a much more active 2010 season with above-normal threats on the U.S. coastline. The particular threat is normally during hurricane season, the first of June through the end of November. Projected hurricanes and their damaging effects can cause severe problems for residents and tourists alike. Because of that this Hurricane Readiness Plan has been developed for the Georgia Visitor Information Center program. The intent of this plan is to increase the level of awareness and preparedness the Visitor Center staff must plan for when dealing with evacuations.

Some of our Visitor Center communities have experienced hurricane evacuations themselves or have been inundated with stranded evacuees. The policies and procedures outlined in this plan will be of tremendous value should we be faced with any evacuation situation in the future.

Be prepared!

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Hurricane Readiness Plan is to provide a systematic approach to follow in the event of a hurricane with emphasis on ongoing safety, awareness and preparedness in the workplace. The order of priority for the Georgia Visitor Information Center Program in a hurricane emergency is:

1. The safety and well-being of our staff.
2. Providing services to visitors, Partners and the tourism community at large.
3. The securing and restoration of the Visitor Information Centers.

The purpose of all the Phases is to ensure that the Georgia Visitor Information Centers, visitors, GDEcD home office and Partners receive the most current and accurate situational awareness information concerning a potential hurricane threat and those response assets are alert and postured to respond in a timely manner.

The strategy for all Phases is to closely monitor events and begin review of advance preparations required to facilitate an effective and timely response.

All Phases address all actions taken before a severe tropical storm or hurricane makes landfall.

One or more of the Phases outlined in this plan may be put into action based on the severity of the storm emergency. The Director of Visitor Center Services and the manager of the Visitor Center will determine the appropriate Phase to use in the event of a hurricane emergency.

All calls from local or outside media should be directed to GDECD Public Information Officer, Alison Tyrer. As done in ordinary daily practices any statements concerning the Visitor Centers through interviews or media programs, shall be coordinated through Alison.
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PHASE 1 – Visitor Center calls this Phase 24 - 36 hours out.
- Category 1 hurricane predicted to hit neighboring state(s)
- VIC community does not experience any hurricane effects.
- Minor impact on VIC with evacuees.
- *Visitor Center hours are extended if necessary.
- *Additional staff may be required.
- May contact Regional VIC network for lodging information and shelter availability.
- *May implement Available Lodging Broadcast – sent to GEMA, State & Local VIC’s.
- The state of increased activities will continue until visitation at the centers resumes normally.

PHASE 2 – Visitor Center calls this Phase 36-48 hours out.
- Category 2 – 3 hurricane predicted to hit neighboring state(s).
- VIC community does not experience any hurricane effects.
- VIC is inundated with evacuees fleeing the storm.
- *Visitor Center hours are extended.
- Implement GA-FL Hurricane Partnership - I-95/N & I-75N.
- *Additional staff is requested from other VIC’s & Department volunteers.
- *Arrange for additional custodial help.
- * Implement Available Lodging Broadcast– sent to GEMA, State & Local VIC’s.
- Contact Regional VIC network for lodging information and shelter availability.
- The state of increased activities will continue until visitation at the centers resumes normally.
PHASE 3 – Visitor Center calls this Phase 36 - 48 hours out.

- Category 4 or 5 hurricane predicted to hit neighboring state(s).
- VIC community experiences little, if any hurricane effects.
- Because of possible devastation evacuees may be unable to return home for extended periods of time.
- *GEMA, Red Cross and other state agencies are called to the Centers.
- *Visitor Center hours are extended.
- Implement GA-FL Hurricane Partnership – I-95/N & I-75N.
- *Arrange for additional custodial help.
- *DOT - H.E.R.O. truck requested at VIC.
- *Additional staff is requested from other VIC’s & Department volunteers.
- *Lodging pre-arranged for additional staff.
- Implement Available Lodging Broadcast– sent to GEMA, State & Local VIC’s.
- *Gasoline availability list.
- Contact Regional VIC network for lodging information and shelter availability.
- The state of increased activities will continue until visitation at the centers resumes normally.
PHASE 4 – Visitor Center calls this Phase 36 hours out.

- Category 3-5 hurricane predicted to hit VIC community.
- No local coastal shelters will be opened. Shelters will be opened in counties further inland. Coastal shelters will open if needed after the hurricane has made landfall.
- Contra flow on the interstate may be in effect – closing exits and services including VIC’s.
- *Maintain constant communication with the Director of VIC Services.
- *Follow directives of your local Emergency Management Agency and GDEcD heads.

The first indication of a hurricane warning is frequently made by radio, TV or Civil Defense. Persons who are not able to confirm whether the Visitor Center area is included in the hurricane warning by one of the means outlined above should proceed immediately to shelter upon hearing the warning from public safety officers. The Department would rather have staff disrupt current activities than take any chances. They further understand that we are not public servants and that we are responsible for seeing that our families and pets are safe. State VIC’s must notify the main office in Atlanta immediately before any closing of the Centers. The main office will be in constant communication with the affected centers. Employees will post signs on building entrance doors to notify persons arriving at the Visitor Center of the closest shelter. Manager will issue statements indicating the Center will close during periods of time your particular county is included in the hurricane warning area. In the event of an impending direct hit the building will be turned over to public safety officers or unlocked and left unattended to act as a last resort refuge.

Reopening - Visitor Information Center.

- VIC community directly hit.
- VIC staff returns to access damage to their homes.
- *Upon re-entry notification from authorities, GDOT and State Emergency Response Teams are brought in to determine damage to VIC building.
- *If building is deemed safe, staff can return to work.

*Activities coordinated with VIC home office in Atlanta.
Coastal Vulnerability

The National Hurricane Center provides the general guidance that evacuees should “run from the water and hide from the wind” – meaning that historically the storm surge is the most deadly threat from a hurricane. Evacuation is considered the most preferred protective action for people living in the storm surge zones and in place sheltering for others. With coastal communities one must consider that shelters are extremely vulnerable to the direct effects of a hurricane landfall, therefore coastal shelters will not be opened locally for any category of hurricane prior to landfall.

Over the past 20 years, coastal areas and barrier islands have become densely populated. Due to their location, limited numbers of evacuation routes, barrier islands are especially vulnerable to hurricanes. People on barrier islands and in vulnerable coastal areas may be ordered by local officials to evacuate well in advance of a hurricane landfall. Hurricane evacuation clearance times, the time it takes for people at risk to move to a place of safety, will vary depending on the number evacuating, evacuation routes, and quickness of response to evacuation orders. If you are asked to evacuate, do so IMMEDIATELY!

Because Camden, McIntosh, Glynn, Chatham, Bryan and Liberty counties are coastal, low-lying and particularly susceptible to the full fury of a hurricane the evacuation of its citizens from high risk areas will often be a necessity.

Several factors make evacuation difficult for coastal residents; Interstate 95 is usually congested with the flow of traffic coming out of Florida. Our evacuations are also hindered by the limited number of routes leading out of coastal Georgia. Once gale force winds arrive it will become increasingly unsafe to be outdoors, particularly on the roads. Therefore any evacuation orders in effect will be canceled (or terminated) at that point.

Storm surges are the most dangerous aspect of a hurricane. This is because they are capable of causing total inundation of entire coastal areas. A powerful hurricane can produce a storm surge of 15 feet or more. Since much of the United States’ densely populated Atlantic and Gulf Coast coastlines are less than 10 feet above sea level, the danger from storm surge is tremendous.

A Category 4 hurricane hit Cumberland Island in October 1898 which caused a 16-foot storm surge in the city of Brunswick and surrounding communities. Hundreds of people died.
GA-FL Hurricane Partnership

In our efforts to prepare for the possibility of an evacuation, the Georgia Visitor Center Program has teamed with the Florida Welcome Centers on I-75 and I-95.

Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1 – November 30, brings the partnership into action when a hurricane forecast model tracks a storm into one of our coasts. If the prediction calls for landfall in Florida, the Visit Florida Team will send staff to Georgia to assist at the Information Centers on I-95 North (Kingsland / St. Marys) and I-75 North (Lake Park / Valdosta) with evacuees. The Center operation hours are extended during an evacuation period and several agencies become involved, on local, state and federal levels, all providing and gathering information from our Visitor Information Teams. While assisting evacuees, information is made available such as Georgia lodging availability updates and shelter information.

When the storm has passed, the Georgia Visitor Information Center staff will reciprocate during the re-entry process at the Florida Welcome Centers with information on FEMA assistance as well as areas still affected with weather and without power and gas.

While both partners will benefit from working together during the evacuation and re-entry process, it is the families who are leaving their homes behind who will gain the most by not having to worry about finding a safe place to ride out the storm and then having a knowledgeable person to welcome them home when it is over.
The Director and Coordinator of Visitor Information Services will continually collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence and information to anticipate requirements and to react effectively.

Communicate situation reports to GDEcD heads.

Forward GEMA situation reports to all VIC's.

Coordinate and make lodging arrangements for volunteers from VIC's, regional tourism reps., regional project managers and Atlanta staff to work affected VIC.

A staffing partnership has been agreed upon with our neighbors to the south at the Florida Welcome Centers on I-75 and I-95. If we need additional staff, Florida Welcome Center will send staff to the Valdosta and/or Kingsland/St. Marys VICs. When the storm has passed we will reciprocate during re-entry of evacuees to Florida.

Notify DOT reps in affected region and ask for additional custodial help.

Activate and maintain Georgia Lodging Availability System in accordance with Appendix 1 - State Operating Conditions, ESF-5 Emergency Management in the complete Georgia Hurricane Plan.

Coordinate communication efforts with local, state and federal agencies, Example: Red Cross, Department of Human Resources, their Division of Mental Health could send out a rep to assist with a mental disorder. Department of Public Safety, a State Patrol Officer on site. Department of Transportation, send a Highway Emergency Response Operator (HERO), to assist stranded motorists. The HERO program is an integral part of a comprehensive effort to safely and efficiently keep traffic moving. One minute of lane blockage results in four to seven minutes of delay to motorists. During an evacuation, they would be lifesavers.

Develop and maintain gasoline availability contacts and lists along evacuation routes.

Develop and maintain shelter availability lists.

Develop and maintain animal and livestock shelter availability lists.
Glossary of Hurricane-Related Terms

The following are definitions of terms, used by the National Hurricane Center in their forecasts, which will help you better understand the extent of the threat posed by a hurricane.

- **Advisory:** A formal message from the National Hurricane Center, issued every six hours, providing details on location, intensity and movement of a tropical cyclone.

- **Hurricane Eye:** The relatively calm area near the center of a storm. The duration of the “Calm” may last from several minutes to over an hour, depending on the size and speed of the hurricane. The “Calm” usually ends suddenly as winds return, possibly with even greater force.

- **Hurricane Warning:** This warning indicates that a hurricane, with sustained winds of at least 74 mph, is to be expected in 24 hours or less. At this point, hurricane preparedness plans must be finalized. Hurricane warnings are seldom issued more than 24 hours in advance, and in cases of hurricanes with unusual or erratic paths, the warning may be issued only a few hours before landfall.

- **Hurricane Watch:** A hurricane watch indicates that hurricane conditions are a strong possibility and may threaten a given area within 36 hours. This advisory does not necessarily mean a hurricane is imminent, however you must initiate your hurricane preparedness activities.

- **Intermediate advisories:** Advisories are issued at two or three hour intervals, between regularly schedules advisories, whenever a storm nears a coast.

- **Storm Surge:** A dome-like rise in ocean level associated with a hurricane. The difference between this abnormal rise in sea level and the level that normally occurs is called the storm surge. It is highest along and to the immediate right of the location where the eye of the hurricane strikes land.

- **Tornado Warning:** If a tornado is reported in the area, a warning will be issued. Tornadoes spawned by hurricanes are capable of producing severe damage and casualties.

- **Tropical Depression:** A non-frontal low pressure system which usually originates in the tropics, it rotates counter clockwise and achieves maximum sustained winds of 38 mph.

- **Tropical Storm:** A non-frontal low pressure system which usually originates in the tropics, it rotates counter clockwise and achieves maximum sustained winds of 73 mph.

- **Tropical Storm Warning:** This warning indicates that there is a strong possibility that a storm, with a wind speed of 39 to 73 mph, which could strike a given area within 24 hours.

- **Tropical Storm Watch:** A tropical storm evolves from a tropical depression. This advisory means that a tropical storm could threaten a given area within 36 hours.
# The Saffir/Simpson Hurricane Intensity Categories

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<td><strong>74-95 mph</strong>&lt;br&gt; (64-82kt)</td>
<td><strong>4-5 ft</strong>&lt;br&gt; (1.2-1.5m)</td>
<td><strong>Category One Hurricane -- Weak</strong>&lt;br&gt; Minimal Damage: Damage is primarily to shrubbery, trees, foliage, and unanchored mobile homes. No real damage occurs in building structures. Some damage is done to poorly constructed signs.</td>
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<td><strong>96-110 mph</strong>&lt;br&gt; (83-95kt)</td>
<td><strong>6-8 ft</strong>&lt;br&gt; (1.8-2.4m)</td>
<td><strong>Category Two Hurricane -- Moderate</strong>&lt;br&gt; Moderate Damage: Considerable damage is done to shrubbery and tree foliage, some trees are blown down. Major structural damage occurs to exposed mobile homes. Extensive damage occurs to poorly constructed signs. Some damage is done to roofing materials, windows, and doors; no major damage occurs to the building integrity of structures. Coastal roads and low-lying escape routes inland may be cut by rising water 2-4 hours BEFORE the hurricane center arrives. Considerable pier damage occurs, marinas are flooded. Small craft in unprotected anchorages torn from moorings. Evacuation of some shoreline residences and low-lying island areas is required.</td>
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<td><strong>111-130 mph</strong>&lt;br&gt; (96-113kt)</td>
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<td><strong>Category Three Hurricane -- Strong</strong>&lt;br&gt; Extensive damage: Foliage torn from trees and shrubbery; large trees blown down. Practically all poorly constructed signs are blown down. Some damage to roofing materials of buildings occurs, with some window and door damage. Some structural damage occurs to small buildings, residences and utility buildings. Mobile homes are destroyed. There is a minor amount of failure of curtain walls (in framed buildings).</td>
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<td>9-12 ft (2.7-3.7m)</td>
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<td>Serious flooding occurs at the coast with many smaller structures near the coast destroyed. Larger structures near the coast are damaged by battering waves and floating debris. Low-lying escape routes inland may be cut by rising water 3-5 hours BEFORE the hurricane center arrives. Flat terrain 5 feet (1.5 m) or less above sea level flooded inland 8 miles or more. Evacuation of low-lying residences within several blocks of shoreline may be required.</td>
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<td>131-155 mph (114-135kt)</td>
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<td>Extreme Damage: Shrubs and trees are blown down; all signs are down. Extensive roofing material and window and door damage occurs. Complete failure of roofs on many small residences occurs, and there is complete destruction of mobile homes. Some curtain walls experience failure.</td>
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<td>Flat terrain 10 feet (3 m) or less above sea level flooded inland as far as 6 miles (9.7 km). Major damage to lower floors of structures near the shore due to flooding and battering by waves and floating debris. Low-lying escape routes inland may be cut by rising water 3-5 hours BEFORE the hurricane center arrives. Major erosion of beaches occurs. Massive evacuation of ALL residences within 500 yards (457 m) of the shoreline may be required, and of single-story residences on low ground within 2 miles (3.2 km) of the shoreline.</td>
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<td>Catastrophic Damage: Shrubs and trees are blown down; all signs are down. Considerable damage to roofs of buildings. Very severe and extensive window and door damage occurs. Complete failure of roof structures occurs on many residences and industrial buildings, and extensive shattering of glass in windows and doors occurs. Some complete buildings fail. Small buildings are overturned or blown away. Complete destruction of mobile homes occurs.</td>
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<td>Greater than 18 ft (5.5m)</td>
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<td>Major damage occurs to lower floors of all structures located less than 15 ft (4.6 m) above sea level and within 500 yards (457 m) of the shoreline. Low-lying escape routes inland are cut by rising water 3-5 hours BEFORE the hurricane center arrives. Major erosion of beaches occurs. Massive evacuation of residential areas on low ground within 5 to 10 MILES (8-16 km) of the shoreline may be required!</td>
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SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE

STORM SURGE (ft)

4 6 9 13 18+

WIND SPEED (mph)

156+ 131 111 96 74

PRESSURE (mbars)

980+ 979 964 944 <920

CATASTROPHIC
EXTREME
EXTENSIVE
MODERATE
MINIMAL

DAMAGE LEVEL

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Georgia Inclement Weather Policy

**Purpose**
To prescribe uniform procedures for the closure of state offices and the treatment of employee absences from work during periods of inclement weather and other emergencies.

**Policy**
Whenever it is determined that the health or safety of citizens, clients, or employees would be placed at risk or that conditions or events prevent performance of regular operations, services or responsibilities assigned to a state agency, closure of an agency or a subsection thereof may be deemed necessary. The Governor shall make decisions regarding the conditions affecting the closure of all agencies statewide or within a geographic region. The head of the Department of Transportation, in situations regarding inclement weather, and the heads of the Department of Public Safety and the State Personnel Administration (with input from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, as necessary) will confer and make recommendations to the Governor regarding agency closures statewide or within a geographic region. Decisions regarding conditions affecting a single agency or subsection thereof shall be made at the discretion of the agency head.

**Communication of Closure**
If inclement weather or other emergency conditions affecting all agencies statewide or within a geographic region develop during the workday, agencies will be notified by telephone and/or email of any authorized changes to normal work hours. If such conditions develop during the night and warrant delayed opening or official closing, official announcements will be made by the Governor through the following media outlets:

- **In Metropolitan Atlanta:**
  Television Broadcast Station WSB (ABC) Channel 2, and Radio Stations WSB 750 AM and WSB 98.5 FM shall serve as official notification stations.

- **In Areas Outside Metropolitan Atlanta:**
  Local Radio Stations that are part of the Georgia Public Radio Network will carry official announcements. Agencies with operations outside of metropolitan Atlanta are encouraged to identify appropriate Network member stations in the areas of need and communicate specific tuning information (or other instructions, such as a phone number to call) to employees in those areas.
Announcements will be made as soon as possible following any decision to close state operations in any area. Employees should be directed to listen to one of the above stations for information about alternate work hours or office closing, and should be reminded that announcements on other stations may not be accurate. In the absence of official notification of delayed opening or office closure, employees are expected to report to work on time or contact their supervisor or other appropriate agency personnel as directed by their agency head.

Agency heads are responsible for determining the appropriate method of communicating closures that affect only their agency or a subsection thereof.

**Treatment of Absences**

When an employee is prevented from reporting to work or remaining at work because of the closure of the agency or subsection thereof by action of the Governor or agency head, as applicable, such absence is considered to be with pay and not charged to any accrued leave or compensatory time.

Absences due to an employee’s personal circumstances shall be charged to available leave or compensatory time or shall be unpaid. The agency head, at personal discretion, may permit employees to make up the time lost from work in accordance with PAR. 18.903 of the Rules of the State Personnel Board, provided non-temporary employees in the unclassified service are treated in the same manner as employees in the classified service.

Employees who are not directly affected by the conditions warranting closure, or who are not scheduled to work during such times, shall not accrue any right to, and shall not be compensated in any manner for, any absence that may be authorized for the employees directly affected.

**Overtime Compensation**

Employees who are required to work additional time past their scheduled shift may be compensated under provisions of Regulations Governing the Payment of Overtime and Granting of Compensatory Time. Employees who are designated as essential and required to respond during a period of emergency shall be compensated as provided by the Policy for Emergency Response and Subsequent Overtime Compensation, at the applicable rate contained therein.

**Reference**

State Personnel Board Rule 18, Office of Planning and Budget and State Merit System Memorandum for Payment of Overtime and Granting of Compensatory Time (January 17, 1986), and Policy for Emergency Response and Subsequent Overtime Compensation (December 8, 1999).

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Approximate coverage areas shown
Georgia Visitor Information Centers

**Augusta VIC**
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Lake Park, GA 31636
229/559-5828

**West Point VIC**
Judy VanZant, Mgr.
P. O. Box 526
West Point, GA 31833
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<td><em>Americus Welcome Center</em></td>
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Folkston, GA 31537
Phone: 912/496-2536

*Perry Welcome Center
101 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard
Perry, GA 31069
Phone: 478/988-8000

Pine Mountain Welcome Center
101 East Broad Street
Pine Mountain, GA 31822
Phone: 706/663-4000

Rabun County Welcome Center
232 Highway 441 North
Clayton, GA 30525
Phone: 706/782-4812

Savannah Rapids Visitor Info. Ctr.
3300 Evans - To - Locks Road
Martinez, GA 30907
Phone: 706/868-3373

Savannah Welcome Center
301 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31401
Phone: 912/944-0455

St. Marys Welcome Center
406 Osborne Street
St. Marys, GA 31558
Phone: 912/882-4000

*Statesboro Welcome Center
332 South Main Street
Statesboro, GA 30459
Phone: 912/489-1869

Toccoa Welcome Center
160 North Alexander Street
Toccoa, GA 30577
Phone: 706/886-2132

Towns County Welcome Center
1411 Jack Dayton Circle
Young Harris, GA 30528
Phone: 706/896-4966

Underground Atlanta Welcome Center
65 Upper Alabama
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: 404/577-2148

Warm Springs Welcome Center
# 1 Broad Street
Warm Springs, GA 31830
Phone: 706/655-3322

Washington - Wilkes Welcome Center
29 West Square
Washington, GA 30673
Phone: 706/678-2013

*Waycross Welcome Center
315 - A Plant Avenue
Waycross, GA 31501
Phone: 912/283-3744

Woodstock Visitor Center
8588 Main Street
Woodstock, GA 30188
Kyle Bennett
Phone: 770/924-0406

*RVIC’s marked in RED are on or near Evacuation Routes
with Primary, Alternative and/or Pet Shelters
Emergency Contact List

Atlanta (Home Office) Contacts:

Director of Visitor Center Services: Jeffrey Tatum – P: 404-962-4079, C: 404-661-5551

VIC Program Coordinator: Tiffany Marlin – P: 404-962-4832

GDEcD Public Information Officer: Alison Tyrer – P: 404-962-4078, C: 404-295-6235

GEMA: 1-800 TRY-GEMA

Individual VIC Community Contacts:

County Emergency Management:________________________________________________________

Sheriff’s Office:____________________________________________________________________

Police:____________________________________________________________________________

Fire Rescue Administration:__________________________________________________________

Local D.O.T. Contact:________________________________________________________________

Custodial Manager:______________________________________________________________

Local Shelter:________________________________________________________________________

Local Chapter of Red Cross:________________________________________________________

Other:_______________________________________________________________________________

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