



# The Salvation Army

## Emergency Disaster Services

### Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network



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## Ron Cooper (KD9KNS) Appointed As Central Territory SATERN Coordinator

Central THQ, Hoffmann Estates, IL – Central Territory Disaster Coordinator Kevin Ellers has announced the appointment of a new Central Territory SATERN Coordinator.



Appointed to the post is Ronald L. Cooper (KD9KNS). Cooper is the Central Territory Disaster Training and Data Support Manager. Although a newly licensed amateur radio operator, he has had extensive experience in disaster work with The Salvation Army. As a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Salvationist employed by “The Army” for the past 28 years he has a deep understanding of the mission and needs of organization.

Cooper’s employment with The Salvation Army has consisted of leadership positions in a varied array of specialties. He has served as the supervisor of Harbor Light homeless shelter and then the Corrections pre-release unit in St. Louis, MO. He then worked as Computer Coordinator and IT Director and then Chief Bookkeeper for the St. Louis Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC). Following that he managed the multi-media and web-site for Territorial HQ, before being appointed as the Assistant Territorial Financial Systems Administrator and then the Central Territory Disaster Training and Data Support Manager.

Cooper has served in a number of disasters including the Mississippi River floods of 1973, 1983 and 1993 among others.

Cooper was appointed to the position shortly after the retirement of former long-time Central Territory SATERN Coordinator Bill Shillington (W9ZCL). Shillington had been Central Territory SATERN Coordinator since the early 1990’s and had participated in numerous disasters. He had also served as the Operations and Logistics Chief for Central Territory EDS. His best-known deployment was accompanying the deployment of a Central Territory canteen to Kobe, Japan, following the Kobe Earthquake of early 1995.

Shillington was honored with a plaque for his many years of service as the Central Territory SATERN Coordinator during a dinner attended by the other Territorial SATERN Coordinator during the 2018 Dayton HamVention.

## 21st General of The Salvation Army Elected During The 2018 High Council

IHQ, London, UK (05/24/2018) – Commissioner Brian Peddle was elected as the 21st General of The Salvation Army during the 2018 High Council. Peddle is the 20<sup>th</sup> successor to Salvation Army Founder General William Booth.



Peddle, 60, graduated from the Canada-Bermuda Territory Training College in 1977. Since then he has served as a Corps Officer in several Corps in that Territory as well as a staff member of the Territorial Training College (1979-1985), as a Divisional staff member (2000-2001) and then a Divisional Commander in the Canada-Bermuda Territory (2001-2007) followed by being a Divisional Commander in the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory (2007-2009).

He then became the Chief Secretary for United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland (2009-2011) before being appointed as the Territorial Commander for the Canada-Bermuda Territory (2011-2014).

He was then appointed by the current General, Andre Cox, to be the International Secretary for the Americas and Caribbean (2014) and then the International Chief of Staff (2015-2018).

Peddle’s five year term as General of The Salvation Army will begin on 03 August 2018.

Peddle is a first-generation Salvationist who came to The Salvation Army when his parents began attending services there.

The 2018 High Council was called to order on 17 May 2018. It was comprised of all active Salvation Army officers with the rank of Commissioner, Territorial Commanders and Territorial Presidents of Women’s Ministries. Its sole purpose was to prayerfully elect the next General of The Salvation Army as its international leader. The last High Council met in 2013 when General Andre Cox was elected.

Membership of the High Council and some other aspects of its procedures are set out in the Salvation Army Act 1980 enacted by the British Parliament.

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## The Salvation Responds To 416 Fire In Durango, CO



**Durango, Co (06/13/2018)** - At the request of the Office of Emergency Management, The Salvation Army Emergency Services deployed a mobile feeding unit to help provide food and hydration services to the first responders and evacuees of the 416 Fire in Durango and La Plata County in Colorado. The Canteen began food service at approximately 6.00 pm at Escalante Middle School in Durango.

The EDS Team is expected to remain on the ground through the weekend. The team will be equipped to provide meals, snacks and hydration to the approximately one hundred individuals currently evacuated. Clean up kits will also be distributed to those in need. The Salvation Army will remain on standby and continue service if the firefighting efforts continue into the coming weeks.

The 416 Fire burning in southwestern Colorado continues to grow more than a week after it was first reported. The blaze has burned 23,378 acres as more than 900 firefighters work to battle it back. As of Tuesday morning, it is 15 percent contained.

## The Salvation Army Assists Volcano Survivors In Guatemala



**Guatemala (06/06/2018)** - Relief efforts are ongoing after the 03 June eruption of Volcan de Fuego in Guatemala, Salvation Army leaders in the area told SAWSO (Salvation Army World Services Organization).

Lt. Col. Esteban Salvo, Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army's Latin America North Territory, reported that local Salvation Army resources have purchased and delivered supplies to the Alotenango and Escuintla communities, located within the volcano's "Ground Zero" area.

Under the coordination of Guatemala's National Emergency Committee, volunteer teams have focused on distributing bathroom soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, sanitary towels, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorants, blankets, disposable diapers and mattresses.

Teams of Salvation Army volunteers distributed hundreds of servings of bread and coffee to people within the Ground Zero zone. Children received packages of supplies and were given opportunities to participate in recreational activities during this difficult and painful time. Local Salvation Army teams remain in close coordination with the National Emergency Committee and the affected communities.

"We appreciate all the support and prayers that are given to address this emergency," Lt. Col. Salvo said.

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