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Hurricane Beryl Forms In The Atlantic

NHQ, Alexandria, VA (07/06/2018) – The National Hurricane Center has reported that a tropical wave that moved off of the western coast of Africa into the mid-Atlantic was designated as category 1 Hurricane Beryl on Friday morning. Hurricane Beryl is currently about 1,000 miles East-Southeast of the Lesser Antilles Islands moving West at 15 mph with winds of 80 mph.



Beryl is a very small, compact system that is only about 70 miles wide that will likely strengthen over the next two days. It is expected to make landfall on the Lesser Antilles late Sunday or early Monday (09 July) as a hurricane. However, once it crosses the Lesser Antilles into the eastern Caribbean, Beryl is expected to weaken but may not degenerate into an open system until reaching the central Caribbean.

At this time, it is not anticipated that the International SATERN SSB or Digital Nets will be activated for this system. The standard protocol for SATERN is to activate its nets when (a) a hurricane either is or is forecast to (a) become a major hurricane (category 3, 4 or 5) and (b) make landfall somewhere within our area of coverage, or (c) at the request of The Salvation Army, one of our partners or another official source.

The Salvation Army in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (PRVI Division) and the Eastern Territory are also watching this storm carefully. Eastern Territory Disaster Coordinator Mike Orfitelli says, "Our PRVI Division is anxiously waiting to see which way Beryl goes. The islands are still tenuous at best, and so even a small storm could impact them negatively."

Former USA National SATERN Liaison Major Rick Shirran (VE3NUZ) Retires



Tillsonburg, ONT (06/23/2018) Former National SATERN Coordinator Major Richard G. Shirran (VE3NUZ / VE4RS) and his wife, Major Jane Shirran, were formally recognized for their service to The Salvation Army during a retirement ceremony at their home Corps in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada on Sat., 23 June.

Prior to becoming a Salvation Army Officer (pastor), Major Shirran was on active duty with the Royal Canadian Navy (1969-1981) serving as a Radio Operator and Communications Technician. He obtained his Amateur Radio license in 1975.

A third generation member of The Salvation Army, Maj. Shirran has served as the Canada-Bermuda Territory SATERN Coordinator from 1997 until 2016.

Upon the retirement of SATERN Founder Major Patrick E. McPherson (WW9E) in June 2011, Maj. Shirran was appointed as the USA National SATERN Liaison. He served faithfully and well in that position until April of 2014 when health and other issues led him to resign that position.



During his retirement ceremony Major Shirran was presented a plaque from the National SATERN Committee recognizing his contribution to SATERN as the USA National Liaison. The plaque was presented to him by Major Everett Barrow, Divisional Commander for the Ontario-Great Lakes (ONG) Division.

Maj. Shirran reported that receiving the plaque was "a very pleasant surprise."

Maj. Shirran also served as the Territorial Emergency Disaster Services Coordinator from 2007 until 2016. During that time he was deployed internationally by International Headquarters with The Salvation Army International Emergency Services.

Maj. Shirran says, "I am still interested in SATERN. I am working on my home station. I have my beam up and operating so will be checking into the net hopefully on a regular basis."

National SATERN Liaison Bill Feist (WB8BZH), said, Everyone in SATERN, prays that Majors Shirran will enjoy their well-deserved retirement. We look forward to hearing Major Rick on any of the SATERN Nets any time.

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