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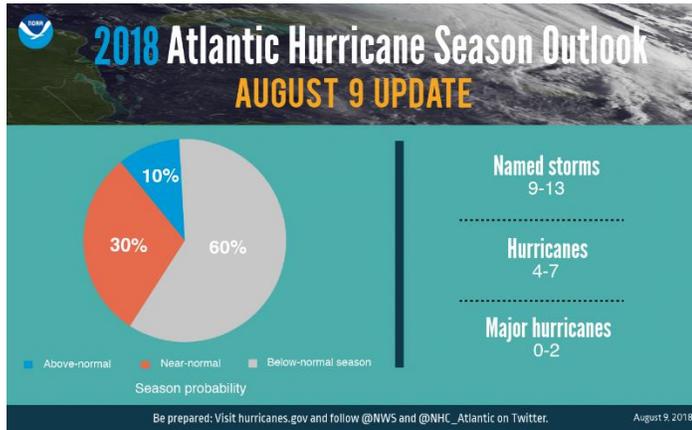


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Hurricane Expert Continues To Forecast A Below-Average Season For 2018

NHQ SATERN, Jackson, MS (05/312018) – Two updated forecasts for the 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season were released earlier this month. The Atlantic hurricane region includes the North Atlantic, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico. It does not include the Pacific Ocean which has been particularly active.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released its' updated Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook for 2018 on 09 August 2018. The outlook is for 9 to 13 named storms with 4 to 7 becoming hurricanes, of which two may become major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5). The 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season produced 15 named storms, 10 of which became hurricanes, of which 6 became major hurricanes.



Dr. Phil Klotzbach at Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins, CO, issued the CSU updated forecast on 02 August. The forecast also calls for a below-average season with expected activity being less than forecasted in the 31 May forecast.

	2017 Actual	May '18 Forecast	Aug '18 Forecast	1980-2010 Median
Named Storms:	15	13	12	12.0
Hurricanes:	10	6	5	6.5
Major Hurricanes:	6	2	1	3.9

Chart showing the 2017 Actual numbers, the CSU May 2018 Forecast, the CSU August 2018 Forecast and Median numbers for 1980 to 2010.

The predicted chances of a major (category 3, 4 or 5) hurricane landfall somewhere in the Atlantic basin were again dramatically reduced in the CSU August forecast to bring the current forecast to well below the 100 year average.



	May '18 Forecast	Aug '18 Forecast	100 Yr Avg
Entire U.S. Coastline:	51%	35%	52%
E. CoAst & FL Peninsula:	30%	20%	31%
Gulf Coast & FL Panhandle:	29%	19%	30%
The Caribbean:	41%	28%	42%

Chart showing the CSU May 2018 Forecast, the CSU August 2018 Forecast and the 100 Year Average. NOAA does not make landfall forecasts.

Both NOAA and CSU's Klotzbach made it clear that both forecasts are based on an increased chance of an active El Nino season in the Pacific. NOAA says there is a nearly 70% chance that this will occur. In addition, the sea-surface temperatures (SSTs) in the main hurricane development region (MDR) of the Atlantic which includes the tropical Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea are "anomalously cool", says Klotzbach. He said that the "vertical wind shear across the Caribbean has been quite strong over the past month" and "The tropical Atlantic has been very dry in July."

Despite this lowered expectation for hurricane activity in the coming months, Klotzbach writes, "The 2018 Atlantic basin hurricane season has had an above-average number of named storms, hurricanes and ACE [Accumulated Cyclone Energy] through the end of July. However, over 90% of all ACE is generated after 01 August."

Although there is a 60% probability of a less active than normal season overall, that does not mean that a tropical storm or hurricane cannot occur. In fact, it is very likely that more will occur as there has only been four (4) to occur so far out of a forecasted 12 named storms.

People in hurricane prone areas and those who respond to the devastation caused by hurricanes, including SATERN operators, should still remain prepared. It only takes ONE storm at the wrong time in the wrong place to make 2018 a VERY bad hurricane season.

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The Salvation Army Marks One-Year Anniversary of Hurricane Harvey

Dallas, TX (08/07/2018) – The Salvation Army continues to provide long-term recovery services to residents whose lives were forever changed after Hurricane Harvey. Making landfall as a Category 4 hurricane in late August 2017, Harvey devastated much of the Texas coastline. The storm initially caused widespread damage and flooding in Corpus Christi, Rockport, Port Aransas and the surrounding communities. The following days saw similar impact along more than 300 miles of coastline before Harvey stalled over Houston, causing widespread flooding in the city and in the Beaumont area.



The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) immediately responded on 25 August providing food, hydration, and emotional and spiritual care to survivors and first responders. In addition to local units in the path of the hurricane, trained disaster teams from throughout Texas and from as far away as Hawaii, California, Canada and many neighboring states were deployed in the aftermath of the storm.

Thanks to the generous support of the American public, corporate donors, and philanthropic organizations, The Salvation Army raised more than \$30 million for Hurricane Harvey response and recovery efforts. The long-term recovery of storm survivors is an ongoing focus for the Army and is where the bulk of donated funding is allocated.

“Hurricane Harvey required a response and ongoing recovery efforts from The Salvation Army not seen in Texas since Hurricane Katrina,” said Lt. Colonel Ronnie Raymer, Divisional Commander of the Texas Division. “However, though the flood water has long receded and much of the debris is gone, the recovery for many is going to take a long time.”, he continued.

Of the total \$30 million donated, The Salvation Army has spent more than \$12 million on emergency response operations, including the deployment of 103 mobile kitchens and EDS teams

for up to eight weeks, serving almost 1 million meals, drinks and snacks. Officers, staff and volunteers gave 140,000 hours of service to provide survivors with 92,000 comfort/hygiene kits, more than 15,000 cleanup kits and emergency financial aid to thousands of families with assistance such as gift cards, vouchers to Salvation Army Family Stores and referrals for a variety of services. Just as important was the Emotional and spiritual care they provided to 57,000 individuals.

All the while, The Salvation Army continued to operate its regular programs and services, providing meals, emergency shelter, clothing and energy assistance to residents in need who were not affected by the disaster.

“For many of those we helped, this was the worst day of their lives.”, Raymer said. “The Salvation Army works to provide for not only the physical needs of a person, but also the spiritual needs. We will continue to serve our neighbors whenever and wherever there is need.”

As the disaster response has transitioned from immediate response to long-term recovery services, The Salvation Army continues to support families affected by Harvey and to help rebuild communities. The Salvation Army has committed the remaining \$18 million, to long-term recovery. This includes supporting long-term recovery case management and direct aid for disaster survivors, opening and operating eight warehouses to serve as points of distribution in affected areas, programs to help disaster survivors replace furnishings, appliances and general household goods and providing building materials to assist homeowners in repairing damage to homes.

The Salvation Army caseworkers are meeting with those in affected areas providing financial assistance and referrals to partner agencies and non-governmental organizations. Eight warehouses serving as points of distribution across the affected region have been opened and these facilities are receiving, sorting and distributing a wide range of items that have been donated to The Salvation Army to help survivors.

Special efforts have been made by The Salvation Army to reach into underserved areas of Texas affected by Harvey, working closely with local community advocates and agencies. Four Regional Recovery Program Managers have been hired to oversee these efforts and to network with partner agencies to provide Salvation Army support and assistance.

“The Salvation Army, motivated by the love of God and with a mission to meet human need, provides service in every zip code in Texas and is committed to stand by its brand promise “Doing the Most Good,” as individuals and families continue to put life back together,” said Lt. Colonel Raymer. “We were there long before the hurricane hit, and we’ll be there long after the recovery process is over.”

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The Salvation Army Begins Earthquake Response on Lombok, Indonesia

IHQ - London, UK 08/10/2018 - The Salvation Army in Indonesia is providing medical and other assistance to people who were affected by a series of earthquakes that hit the island of Lombok. The official death toll is reported as 259 people, but provincial officials and local media are reporting that the final number may be closer to 350. According to the government, more than 1,400 people have been injured and at least 156,000 displaced. A 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck on 29 July, followed by 7 and 5.9-magnitude quakes on 05 and 09 August.



An assessment team from The Salvation Army's Indonesia Territorial Headquarters travelled to Lombok and focused its attentions on the area in and around the village of Gangga, in north-west Lombok, which is home to around 1,000 people. Residents said the Salvation Army team was the first to visit the area since the initial earthquake struck.

The team immediately distributed a small supply of rice, noodles, sugar and bottled water to the affected population, and The Salvation Army is now preparing a more substantial response.

Plans are being put in place to use medical teams from Salvation Army hospitals in Surabaya, Turen and Semarang – none of which is far from Lombok – to provide healthcare assistance and services. Initially, two medical teams will be deployed, each made up of two doctors and four nurses working in rotation. A disaster such as happened on Lombok often increases the risks of outbreaks of diarrhea and disease as well as the danger of malnutrition in children and other vulnerable people, so the medical teams will offer injury treatment, immunization, maternal and child healthcare services, nutrition services and health and hygiene promotion.

Specially trained staff within the team will also offer mental healthcare and trauma counselling. They will look in particular for evidence of trauma in children, who may demonstrate signs of distress, grief, confusion and fear of being separated from family members.

In addition to medical support, The Salvation Army is also planning to distribute nutritional support to children, clothing and hygiene items, drinking water and family food parcels.

General Brian Peddle Is 21st International Leader of The Salvation Army

IHQ - London, UK 08/02/2018 - General Brian Peddle has taken office as The Salvation Army's 21st international leader, succeeding General André Cox, who has retired. He is joined in leading the global Salvation Army by Commissioner Rosalie Peddle, World President of Women's Ministries.



The Peddles are Salvation Army officers of the Canada and Bermuda Territory, originating from Newfoundland. The General and Commissioner Peddle were commissioned as Officers (pastors) in 1977 and 1976 respectively. After marrying in 1978, they shared ministry in various appointments in corps, divisional headquarters and training college in Canada. This was followed by a variety of international appointments in the Northern New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga, and the United Kingdom Territories and appointments at International Headquarters. Such international service has helped prepare them for the international leadership of The Salvation Army.

Outside of their ministry, the international leaders have a variety of interests. The General enjoys kayaking, cycling, hiking and fishing, while Rosalie Peddle enjoys reading, cycling and hiking. Personal conversation with family and friends remains a priority, even in the midst of busy lives.

The Peddles have two daughters, Stephanie and Krista, and five grandchildren. Stephanie and her husband, Adam, are actively involved in the Sauble Christian Fellowship Community Church in Ontario. Krista and her husband, Tim, are Salvation Army officers, currently serving in Australia.

The IHQ welcome to the new international leaders was held on 06 August and the public welcome, which will be live-streamed, will be held at William Booth College in London, on 23 Sept.

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ARRL Board Committee Seeks Input For Proposed ARES Strategic Plan



ARRL HQ (08/08/2018) - Following up on an ARRL Board of Directors directive at its July meeting, the Public Service Enhancement Working Group (PSEWG) has contacted all ARRL Section Managers (SMs) and Section Emergency Coordinators (SECs) seeking comments and suggestion regarding the proposed *ARES Strategic Plan*, via an online form. The deadline is 31 October, in order to give the PSEWG sufficient time to review the comments and suggestions, formulate any necessary revisions, and submit the revised document to the Board for consideration at its January meeting.

SATERN gained approval for its Strategic Plan in 2016.

Created in 1935, ARES has undergone very few changes over the years, while the agencies ARES serves have undergone many. The PSEWG evaluated the ARES program for 2 years and drafted several proposed enhancements to update ARES.

The *ARES Strategic Plan* introduces changes and a platform for future growth. For many, this will represent a major paradigm shift; for others, it will formalize many of the requirements they have employed routinely for several years.

An independent team of individuals experienced in ARES and emergency work from across the US has reviewed the proposed plan. Their suggestions and recommendations were carefully considered, and many were included during plan development.

Now, the ARRL Board wants SMs and SECs to have the opportunity to offer comments on the recommended changes prior to implementation of the plan. While SMs and SECs are invited to reach out to their Emergency Coordinators (ECs) for their thoughts and feedback, formal responses must be submitted through SMs and SECs.

The PSEWG asks SMs and SECs to keep their comments respectful, concise, and on point, and to keep in mind that the ARES framework must remain as close to universal as possible, even while participants in some geographical areas may require specific training that others do not need. Mutual aid pacts may require training specific to adjacent jurisdictions.

Also, SMs and SECs are reminded that specific agency agreements and needs must be honored. Those having concerns about a proposed new policy are requested to offer alternatives.

A copy of the proposed ARES Strategic Plan can be seen at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Media%20&%20PR/ARES/ARES%20Strategic%20Plan%20-%20final%20-%20PSC.pdf>

The Salvation Army Continues Response To Largest Wildfire In California History

Redding, CA (08/07/2018) - The day after Northern California's Carr Fire was declared a Federal Disaster, the Mendocino Complex Fire burning northwest of Sacramento became the largest wildfire in modern California history.

Since the start of the Carr Fire, The Salvation Army has distributed more than 435,000 items, including food, hygiene, hydration, blankets, sheets and pillows to those affected by the fire. The Army has also distributed more than 750 \$100 Walmart gift cards to families and individuals at the Local Assistance Center at Shasta High School.

For those impacted by the Mendocino Complex Fire, The Salvation Army has served more than 11,000 meals and 17,000 drinks. Meals are being cooked in canteens or being delivered and served to many around town. This includes many evacuees and staff in several American Red Cross shelters.

The Salvation Army is prepared to expand its service to those affected by the fires in Northern California for as long as necessary.

ARES® Assists In California Fire Response

Redding, CA (08/07/2018) - ARES® volunteers from multiple ARRL Sections in California have pitched in to assist where needed to provide or support communication as catastrophic wildfires have struck the state. ARRL Sacramento Valley Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Greg Kruckewitt (KG6SJT) said this week that things have calmed somewhat with American Red Cross shelter communicators stepping down after 10 days of support. Communications at the shelters had been important, as power and cell phone coverage was often spotty, with power going off for hours at a time. All ARES activations for the Carr Fire ended the evening of 07 August.

At one point, more than a dozen ARES volunteers from Shasta, Sacramento, Butte, Placer, and El Dorado counties were working at shelters opened in the wake of the Carr Fire. Kruckewitt said *Winlink* continued to be the go-to mode, as fire has damaged several repeaters and no repeater path exists to the Gold County Region of the Red Cross in Sacramento.

Kruckewitt told ARRL that demand for ARES communicators is rising as the fires continue to grow. Joseph reported over the weekend that the Mendocino Complex Fire burning toward Colusa and Glenn counties was being closely monitored although no deployments have been requested yet. ARES teams in other California Sections have remained on standby if needed.

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