

**AFTER ACTION REPORT
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**

TO: Georgia Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Hurricane Dorian Response

DATE: September 16, 2019

SITUATION

Hurricane Dorian was threatening the State of Georgia coast and Governor Brian Kemp declared a state of emergency and mandatory evacuation of coastal counties.

MISSION

The Medical Association of Georgia Medical Reserve Corps (MAG MRC) was placed on alert to be prepared to provide physician support to hurricane refugee shelters in Douglas, Macon, and Columbus.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MAG MRC marshalled eight member physician volunteers prepared to deploy to shelters designated by the Department of Public Health (DPH). When on-site deployment was not needed, MAG MRC obtained five member physician volunteers to provide telephone support 24-hours per day to all state shelters. Volunteers were each scheduled for twelve-hour availability shifts over a period of four days.

MAG MRC was asked to obtain nurse volunteers for deployment to the shelter in Augusta. One Registered Nurse member of MAG MRC was able to respond and deployed as requested.

MAG MRC created five shelter kits for deploying physicians. The kits contain items determined from previous shelter deployments to be needed but not always available.

MAG MRC economic impact during the Hurricane Dorian response, utilizing FEMA Hourly Max Pay Rates, totaled \$6,914.

IMPROVEMENTS

MAG MRC was in the process of stocking the aforementioned shelter kits. They were completed just prior to the call for shelter support and were still physically located at MAG headquarters in Atlanta. They should, as planned, be distributed to shelter team leaders in different areas of the state so as to be more readily available in the event of another such mission.

EVENTS

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27AUG2019, the MAG MRC began receiving alerts from the GDPH of a potential threat to the State of Georgia from then Tropical Storm Dorian, moving across the Caribbean. The storm was expected to reach hurricane strength before reaching the coast of the United States, with a possible trajectory impacting the State of Georgia.

27AUG2019 MAG MRC leadership was alerted to the potential threat and updates were forwarded to them as they were received.

30AUG2019 MAG MRC completed the stocking of five shelter kits for deploying physicians. The kits contain items determined from previous shelter deployments to be needed but not always available.

1130 01SEP2019, MAG MRC received notice from GDPH that Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order for mandatory evacuation of six coastal counties beginning on 02SEP2019.

0830 02SEP2019, MAG MRC received a telephonic request to prepare for possible deployment of physicians to hurricane refugee shelters being set up in Douglas, Macon, and Columbus.

1150 02SEP2019 MAG MRC sent an urgent request through the SERVGA email system as well as from its website to deployable members requesting physicians to sign up to possibly deploy to the hurricane shelters identified by GDPH. Responding as deployable were James Barber, MD, Justin Harrell, MD, Luz Heaton, MD, Sudhakar Jonnalagadda, MD, Charles Miller, MD, Manoj Shah, MD, Lisa Sward, MD, and Nicole Wilson, DPM.

1250 02SEP2019, MAG MRC received official notice from Dr. Toomey placing MAG MRC on alert.

2000 02SEP2019, MAG MRC briefed leadership and volunteers for advance preparation:

- Shelters will be opening in anticipation of needs during evacuation of 8 GA coastal counties. Shelters in Coffee County, Bibb County, and Muscogee County
- Physicians may be needed to support PHD Shelters in these areas-Douglas, Macon, Columbus
- Need will be communicated but plan on medical visit 1-2 times /day in active shelter. An availability for home consultation will also be appreciated.
- Fred Jones and Kathy Browning will be updating response capability lists
- Need will also be communicated for telephone availability to shelter
- ServeGA database needs to be current- license/DEA
- Physicians should take white coat/Rx pad/personal needs/keep gasoline tanks full/keep cell batteries charged/call for issues or problems
- MAG MRC has shelter kits with stethoscope, BP cuff, STB tourniquet, Diagnostic set, glucometer, (add hard candy/cake frosting as glucose source)
- Specific DPH needs will be discussed prior to deployment

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0800 04SEP2019, MAG MRC received a telephonic request from GDPH for nurses to deploy to a shelter in Augusta. Five MAG MRC RN members were contacted. One, Danielle Spears, RN, was available and deployed next day to the Augusta shelter.

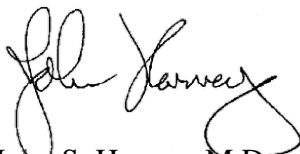
1230 04SEP2019, MAG MRC received a telephonic request from GDPH for physicians to be available for telephonic consultations with shelter workers. A request was immediately sent for volunteer physicians to be available during twelve-hour shifts of 0700 to 1900 and 1900 to 0700 with a shift schedule beginning 04SEP and ending 07SEP. Volunteering to receive telephone calls during the shifts were Thomas Haltom, MD, John Harvey, MD, Stephen Jarrard, MD, Manoj Shah, MD, and Lisa Sward, MD.

1900 04SEP2019, MAG MRC briefing of On-Call volunteer physicians (Jarrard, Shah, Haltom, Sward, Harvey). Reviewed the duty schedule and the need to keep proper records of shelter calls received using a form being provided to volunteers by email.

1900-0700 04SEP	Stephen Jarrard, MD
0700-1900 05SEP	Lisa Sward, MD; John Harvey, MD
1900-0700 05SEP	Manoh Shah, MD
0700-1900 06SEP	Manoj Shah, MD; John Harvey, MD
1900-0700 06SEP	Thomas Haltom, MD
0700-1900 07SEP	Manoj Shah, MD; John Harvey, MD
1900-0700 07SEP	Stephen Jarrard, MD

1740 05SEP2019, MAG MRC received notice from GDPH that the shelters were closing and MAG MRC could stand down as of 0700 06SEP2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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