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MCVS Update on Volunteer Operations in Mississippi

The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) continues to coordinate with Volunteer Reception Centers in four counties. To date, MCVS has documented 7,103 volunteers serving over 30,995 hours since Friday, April 29th. MCVS, in coordination with local EMAs, is shifting VRC operations from managing spontaneous volunteers to scheduling volunteer groups for structured disaster recovery activities. All volunteers should call ahead to local VRCs to schedule volunteer work.

MCVS has launched a Flood Recovery Volunteer Registration program. Individuals and volunteer groups interested in serving affected areas after flood waters recede may register online at www.mcv.org or call 888.353.1793 to register by phone. Since May 12th, over 340 volunteers have registered. In the weeks to come, pre-registered volunteers will receive notification of opportunities to serve Mississippi communities in need.

National Service program volunteers funded by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service, are working with local officials, MSVOAD, faith-based and community organizations in affected areas of Mississippi. AmeriCorps NCCC teams and staff, AmeriCorps VISTAs, Senior Corps RSVP volunteers and AmeriCorps State are involved in both tornado and flood response efforts statewide.

MCVS continues to work with all EMAs in federally declared disaster counties to determine and address needs related to volunteers and donations management.

MCVS is tracking donations of goods drop-points on and publishing information through our website, (<http://www.mcv.org>), Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/volunteeryall>) and Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/volunteeryall>). We are directing monetary donations to MississippiRelief.com, a fund established by the Office of the Governor.

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