

APPENDIX E (SALVATION ARMY), ANNEX 26 (MEO), GREENWOOD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SALVATION ARMY (A GEORGIA CORPORATION) AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIVISION

I. PURPOSE

This memorandum of understanding describes the respective responsibilities and roles of the Salvation Army North and South Carolina Division and the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division. Through collaboration, the resources of the Salvation Army and the State of South Carolina, or its local political subdivisions, are brought to bear for the relief of persons affected by natural disasters or other emergencies.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a religious, charitable, non-profit organization whose officers can perform marriages and burial services, administer social welfare and conduct the business of the organization. It is a national organization, and while not primarily a disaster relief organization, has a continuing interest in and capability for short term emergency disaster relief services at points of greatest need. Salvation Army aid to disaster victims is not dependent on a Presidential or other federal disaster declaration, but is provided as determined by priority of need and availability of facilities, equipment and personnel.

Through its various local organizations, and with the assistance of Divisional, Territorial and National Headquarters, the Salvation Army provides a range of services to individuals and families in emergency situations. These emergency services may include:

- Services to disaster workers and victims
- Mass Care - Feeding (groups and individuals), including
 - mobile kitchen units and fixed sites
 - Sheltering (groups and individuals)
- Clothing distribution
- Registration and identification
- Counseling
- Furniture and bedding
- Household needs
- Personal services to disaster victims
- Assistance in cleanup

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Assistance to individuals and families is usually provided in kind. Emergency services available in the different locations vary, depending on already available equipment and facilities, and not all services can be provided simultaneously. Depending on need, priority, availability of services by other similar organizations, and in consultation with agencies responsible for disaster coordination, the Salvation Army responds and deploys its staff, equipment and facilities accordingly.

The Salvation Army has immediately available in many localities, housing and feeding facilities, radio equipped mobile canteens and various vehicles. Its personnel are experienced in disaster operations and qualified to recruit, organize, and direct volunteer manpower for carrying out emergency disaster relief. It may serve as a collection and distribution agency for food, clothing and other supplies.

The Salvation Army operates on a self-sustaining basis and assumes all administrative and financial responsibility in providing disaster relief services. The Salvation Army's services are provided during the response, recovery, and restoration phases of an emergency situation.

The Salvation Army works with federal, state and local agencies, and with non-governmental agencies and other groups in preparing for, and carrying out, emergency disaster services.

B. South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division

The South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division, in striving to broaden the coordination of agencies involved in a disaster response, specifically in the area dealing with the needs of people affected by disaster, recognizes the quantity of resources that exists through government, volunteer, and private agencies that could be used in an efficient manner responding to a disaster.

In recognizing the Salvation Army's potential for disaster planning and the ability to respond to disasters, the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division and its county and municipal disaster preparedness or civil defense counterparts will pursue maximum coordination and cooperation with respective Salvation Army representatives in order to develop a viable capability to provide for the welfare of people affected by disaster.

C. The Salvation Army Relations with the Federal Emergency Management Agency

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1. In response to a major disaster or emergency situation, The Salvation Army will activate its Emergency Disaster Plan and coordinate its activities through its Divisional Emergency

Response Team (DERT). It will work in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, State, and local entities.

2. The Salvation Army will keep the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) advised of actions taken and will maintain liaison through its ESF 6 representative or State Coordinating Officer (SCO) to insure effective assistance to all disaster victims.
3. In disaster situations where the capabilities and resources of the local Salvation Army organization are taxed to capacity, the Divisional Organization will supplement area Salvation Army resources to ensure prompt and effective assistance to disaster victims.

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