



Deployment Report



16 SDF-Trained Canine Disaster Search Teams Deploy to Florida in Preparation for Monster Hurricane Irma

On the tail of Hurricane Harvey, one of the most devastating storms in our country's recorded history, comes Hurricane Irma. News reports state that should Irma continue on her current path as expected, this will be the fourth Category 5 hurricane to hit US soil. Irma has hit the Dominican Republic and Haiti today, moving into Cuba and the Bahamas and then on to Florida this weekend.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 – 5 PM LOCAL TIME

As Hurricane Irma continues to barrel toward Florida and the East Coast of the United States, additional Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces have been deployed to stage for a response to hard-hit areas once the storm passes through. In addition to the men and women deployed, a total of 16 SDF-trained Canine Disaster Search Teams are now deployed in preparation for Irma, including five teams that were just deactivated days ago from the Hurricane Harvey incident.

The following SDF-trained Canine Disaster Search Teams are also deployed:

California Task Force 3 (Menlo Park)

- Tom Carney & Allie
- Ed Martinez & Fritz
- Garreth Miller & Vita
- Eli Thomas & Vader

California Task Force 8 (San Diego)

- Brent Brainard & Decker*
- Linda D'Orsi & Haley*
- Donovan George & Ollie
(CA-TF5 team deploying with CA-TF8)
- Matthew Kirk & Stella

Nebraska Task Force 1 (Lincoln)

- Andrew Pitcher & Chief*

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 – 1 PM LOCAL TIME

In preparation for Hurricane Irma, FEMA is staging task forces nearby that will be able to quickly assist citizens in the aftermath of the hurricane. We will most likely see flooding again, as we did in Texas and Louisiana, but the key will be locating people potentially trapped in their homes once the storm has passed.

The following SDF-trained Canine Disaster Search Teams are responding:

California Task Force 1 (Los Angeles)

- Eric Ingstad & Java*

California Task Force 7 (Sacramento)

- Mike Stornetta & Rocket*
(CA-TF4 team deploying with CA-TF7)

Florida Task Force 1 (Miami-Dade)

- Marshia Hall & Lilah

New York Task Force 2 (Albany)

- Brian Girard & Keila
- Greg Gould & Dax

Pennsylvania Task Force 1 (Commonwealth of PA)

- Eric Darling & Ben

Virginia Task Force 1 (Fairfax County)

- Kristi Bartlett & Ivan

**These SDF-trained Search Teams were just deactivated from the Hurricane Harvey deployment and immediately responded for Hurricane Irma.*

Thank you for all of your support to ensure that when disaster strikes, Search Teams are there to help those most in need. We hope you take pride in the fact that you are a part of the important mission these Task Forces have ahead of them!