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Area Corps employees continue aid to hurricane victims

More than two dozen employees at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, are now working in Gulf Coast states ravaged by recent hurricanes.

The staffers – engineers and inspectors whose focus is primarily housing and roofing – deployed with members of sister districts from across the nation.

Several members from New York District have already returned from volunteer duty in the disaster areas, and the District's Emergency Management Team is working to train other employees to replace those now on-site. The normal tour of duty is 30 days, with possible extensions.

Following hurricanes and other natural disasters, Corps Housing Planning and Response Teams travel to the affected area after first responders, but stay much longer to ensure basic housing needs are met for disaster victims. Their mission may include roof repair to ensure shelter or placing a trailer in a victim's yard for housing until their damaged home can be repaired. If infrastructure is so badly damaged that even trailers cannot be placed in an area, the team will supervise and oversee the design and construction of a trailer city – roads, sanitary sewers, water, electrical power and furnished mobile homes.

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Other District employees are aiding the recovery effort from their offices by performing essential deployment support services and sharing information about previous recovery efforts that could be useful in this rebuilding.

As of Sept. 30, more than 3,100 Corps of Engineers employees were supporting hurricane relief and recovery efforts in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The Corps continues to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security by working to unwater New Orleans and strengthen its levees, and to provide ice, water, temporary power, debris removal services, and temporary roofing and housing. The Corps also is responsible for surveying all Federal navigation channels to ensure ships can move cargo and passengers safely through the storm-ravaged area.

For information about Corps activities following Hurricane Katrina, visit <http://www.usace.army.mil>.

Information about helping victims of the disaster is available at <http://www.fema.gov>.