

EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES

The Salvation Army

Upcoming Events

April 15th - Bi-Monthly Meeting

April 21st - Flight 93
Conservation Day

Upcoming Training

March 23rd- CPR/AED

March 24th- ServSafe
Manager

April 13th - CPR/AED

April 14th - ServSafe
Handler

May 20th - Full-Scale
Exercise

A Note from Heather Martin, Deputy Director of Operations

I have had the pleasure in the last few months to see volunteers grow in EDS. We have had volunteers complete training, deploy and step-up when needed the most. It is a wonderful feeling to see EDS programs flourish and to positively represent what The Salvation Army stands for. Kudos to the volunteers who have been active and have accomplished some amazing work! If you or some one you know would like to be part of the EDS team - please reach out to me to get started on a volunteer experience that is fulfilling and truly helps the community when they are in need!

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Bi-Monthly EDS Meeting

April 15 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

We will be discussing training and speakers for upcoming meetings. Also, providing an update to upcoming events and functions for EDS. Food will be provided! Please, make every effort to be there.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Homeless Feeding Outreach - Every Tuesday with cooking shift from 9:00 am - 11:30 am and distribution from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm - We are need of drivers for this program!!

Sign up for a shift here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/volunteered>

EDS Responders - Please stay active as a volunteer sign-up for a response shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/edsresponsecalendar>

Booth Train Derailment Exercise - Sign-up for the the full-scale exercise at Flight 93 on May 20th. There is option to enroll in the Canteen Operations course the day before and to spend the night at Camp Allegheny.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/exercise#/>

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Western Pennsylvania VOAD meeting at EDS for March. Adam Kitta holds the Vice Chairman role in the Western PA VOAD!!
Become a member here: <https://www.pavoad.org/become-a-member/>



Compassion in Action: A Young Adult Preparedness Club

EDS will be launching the Compassion In Action (CIA) Club starting in September of this year. Applications will be available in mid April and open until June 1st. This club is designed for senior high school students and college students interested in the field of emergency management. Upon completion of the 10 month fiscal year, there is a \$500 scholarship awarded. Application process and club details will be announced on our Facebook page soon. If you're interested and would like more information now, email Heather Martin

EDS's Response to Norfolk Train Derailment

February 4th- 7th - Captains Gene and Angelica Spence assist immediately with feeding for the shelter and providing transportation options for residents to get to and from the shelter. Continued feeding efforts for nearly two weeks before they transitioned to cleaning products and providing bottled water.

February 21st - Supplies are requested for Darlington, PA. **Adam Kitta** and **Dean Hannah** bring mass supplies of water, clean-up kits, and hygiene kits to the area

February 23rd - Whitney Cole and Edward Roberts are deployed to Salem, Ohio to support the officers in their daily mass distribution of water, and cleaning supplies

March 2nd - Heather Martin deployed to Salem, Ohio to transition the response and provide leadership and support.



The Norfolk Train Derailment in East Palestine, Ohio

On February 3rd a train carrying toxic chemicals derailed in East Palestine, Ohio causing a mass evacuation of the town. After residents were permitted to return to their homes, they faced water and air quality issues. Many of the issues the residents are facing will be long-term and will impact both residents of East Palestine and surrounding communities in both Ohio and Pennsylvania. The Salvation Army has and will continue to play a role in response and recovery for these communities.



EDS's Response to Norfolk Train Derailment Continued ...

March 5th - Joel Brown deployed to provide Operational and Logistic support. Deployed the FOC asset to provide needed storage for filters for the residents who must change out filters weekly and send to the EPA for testing.

Current Situation - With support provided from WPA EDS the Officers are able to continue the operation on a smaller scale. Their operation is focused on air filters, as that is the need of the community. They continued to provide water and cleaning supplies but not in the same capacity that was needed in the first month of the emergency.

STATS as of March 3rd:

Cases of Water -	15,867
Clean-Up Kits -	2,404
Cleaning Supplies -	9,326
Gallons of Water -	1,100
Hygiene Kits -	126
Misc Distribution -	190
Meals -	192
Drinks and Snacks -	1,072
ESC Contacts -	124



Elizabeth Forward High School 4 Alarm Fire. Cpt. Susan Thwaite, Edward Roberts, Dyanmond Roberts and Heather Martin responding with Unit 1 and Unit 20



2022 Christmas Party held on January 22nd

