

Christ In Action Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

HURRICANE RESPONSE

For a hurricane, Category 3 or higher, we will most likely deploy.

For Category 2 hurricanes, we will monitor the strength & storm surge, and based on the location & population density of landfall, we generally have an assessment team on the ground determine if we are going to respond and the nature of that response.

TORNADO RESPONSE

For tornadoes, our response will be determined by the severity of the storms and proximity to our base of operations. EF3 in a populated area generally means we will send an assessment team to determine the size and scope of our response. Smaller tornadoes are generally handled on a more local response level.

HOW TO FIND OUT IF CIA IS DEPLOYING

As we watch the weather and news concerning natural and/or man-made disasters, we will post to social media as we monitor the situation. If an assessment team is sent, we will add a banner to the home page of www.christinaction.com. An email will follow with an assessment report and/or a deployment announcement.

DEPLOYMENT

You must be 18 years or older to deploy with CIA.

If you go to the CIA website, and the banner says we have deployed, you will need to click on the “volunteer” button and register as a volunteer. Even if you have registered for a previous deployment or if you have registered for our trainings you will need to register for the specific deployment event. Once you have filled that registration form out, you will receive an automated e-mail response confirming your registration. Within 24-48 hours, you will receive a second email, generally approving your registration with the details of where we have setup Camp Hope. Please do not give out the location of our base since we need people to register through our website (instead of just showing up) so we know who is coming and when they plan to arrive.

In the e-mail response we will advise you regarding what to pack, how to prepare, and as some of the things to expect once you are on the ground at Camp Hope.

As a volunteer, you are responsible to get to and from where we are deployed. Once you arrive, we will provide food and a place for you to sleep. Please be prepared to sleep on the floor (a good quality single (twin)-size air mattress or cot is advised). Sleeping quarters are generally tight, so pack in a compact and efficient manner.

You will always be required to wear **long pants, closed toe shoes and socks**. This is a safety issue due to contamination on the ground, and there are no exceptions. Safety is important for our volunteers.