

Disaster and Terrorism Branch USVI deployment with EMS Taskforce

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Disaster and Terrorism Branch (DTB)

- **NJ Department of Health, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' DTB is the federally recognized behavioral health authority to oversee the disaster behavioral health response.**
- **Preparedness - trainings for emergency response partners and Disaster Response Crisis Counselors (DRCC) throughout the state**
- **Rapid Assessment, Deployment and Response team (RADAR)**
- **Response & Recovery – DRCC response and FEMA funded disaster Crisis Counseling Programs such as NJ Hope and Healing**

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

- **Interstate mutual aid agreement among all 50 states, DC, Guam, PR and USVI**
- **Allows states to share resources across state lines during emergencies and disciplines**
- **Requests come to NJ Office of Emergency Management to Emergency Support (ESF) Coordinators**

EMAC Request

USVI requested EMS and Disaster Mental Health Counselors through an EMAC request through the State Emergency Operations Center.

Four Disaster and Terrorism state team Disaster Response Crisis Counselors (DRCC) were deployed on Oct 1st for initially a 14 day deployment, which changed to a 21 day deployment. They returned October 22nd .

Two DTB staff (DRCC) were deployed on November 12th and returned November 26th.

DRCC TEAM

Picture 1: Mike Parmenter, Neal Stephens , Wendy Chin, Eric Rice **Picture 2: Neal Stephens, Megan Sullivan**



Pre- Deployment



On Their Way



Logistics



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Base of Operations



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Locations on the land and on the sea



Disaster Damage



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DRCC USVI ACTIVITIES

Providing emotional support to the community and first responders as well as working with faith based entities and schools



Working with the Faith Based Community



Schools



Partnering with Responders



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A little bit of Jersey on the Island



Any Questions

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