



# Grays Harbor Storm Recovery INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

*On behalf of the City of Aberdeen / City of Hoquiam / Grays Harbor County*

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**-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-  
Thursday, February 19, 2015**

**WASHINGTON CONSERVATION CORPS ARRIVE:** Three teams from the state Department of Ecology's Washington Conservation Corps arrived this week to assist with flood recovery efforts. These teams have training and experience in disaster response; two additional teams are expected for this weekend.

Governor Jay Inslee recognized the continued need for flood relief in Grays Harbor and authorized the deployment of the Conservation Corps. The Department of Ecology stepped up to cover the team costs within existing agency funds.

The three regular teams assigned to this effort are being graciously housed by the Immanuel Baptist Church in Hoquiam. Team members will have access to the facilities at the Grays Harbor YMCA as well as home-cooked dinners at the church.

With the assistance of the Governor's Office and Immanuel Baptist Church, the Incident Management Team hopes the Conservation Corps will be able to remain in service for up to two more weeks.

**VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st:** The final preparations are being made for the volunteer work day on Saturday, February 21, 2015. All are welcome to help in this effort.

The Pearsall Building will serve as the hub of this important effort designed to assist in mitigating lingering damage and affects from the January storm and flood. Lunch is being donated by several local businesses.

A volunteer training session will start at 7:00 AM at the county Pearsall Building located at 2109 Sumner Avenue in Aberdeen. Starting at 7:30 AM, volunteers will be registered as State Emergency Workers with team assignments from 8:00-8:30 AM.

At 9:00 AM, volunteers will be assigned homes in need of assistance as identified by the requests made to the Coastal Community Action Program FLOOD LINE at 360-500-4551. It is critical residents who have requested assistance maintain contact with the CCAP FLOOD LINE and are home on Saturday.

Assistance will be provided to renters, homeowners and landlords. However, landlords must be present or provide authorization for any work in the home beyond the renter's personal belongings.

The purpose of this volunteer effort is to help keep people safe within their existing housing. Volunteers and Conservation Corps members will be able to move items, muck out debris, clean surfaces and remove wet insulation, but WILL NOT be able to make major structural repairs. Homeowners will be provided a list of resources for additional repairs beyond the abilities of the volunteers.

At this time, no future large scale volunteer work session is planned.

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