



The outpouring concern for our 911 community in south east Texas and the gulf region has been tremendous. Several of our fellow 9-1-1 District regions suffered great loss. We have already heard from many regarding telecommunicators whom had damage or complete loss of property. Members of TX APCO and TX NENA have been working hard on relief efforts. These efforts are outlined in detail below.

Partnering with the Denise Amber Lee Foundation, the Healthy Dispatcher and Team911; we started selling t-shirts to raise funds and we are accepting monetary donations through our joint chapter. Since the site launched, we have raised over \$15,000. Please encourage those interested in donating to our cause to visit [Texas APCO/NENA Hurricane Harvey Relief](https://www.texasapco.org/nena-hurricane-harvey-relief). 9-1-1 Cares is also accepting donations on our behalf. To date they have raised \$8,304.

To centrally coordinate nation-wide donations for the affected PSAPs (in all the different regions), a small committee was formed to funnel all requests and donations:

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The committee started conference calls early last week and are working with us as well as CSEC, TARC, TNT, PETS, 9-1-1 Cares and others on an initiative to assist our emergency communications professionals and responders. The committee will be contacting law, fire and EMS associations in the coming days. This will be a COMMUNITY EFFORT for public safety.

The committee is currently working on setting up three Public Safety Assistance Centers in the Corpus Christi, Houston/Galveston and Beaumont areas where donations can be sent and affected public safety professionals (9-1-1, police, fire, EMS) could receive donated items. The centers will be manned by volunteers. This is a model from Louisiana that has been very successful.

The first center in Houston will be located at 2319 Timberloch Pl Ste C. The Woodlands, TX. 77380 and will begin accepting donations Saturday, September 9th, from 8-5. The Center will open for business Wednesday, September 13th from 8-5 daily through October 11th. Volunteers can register at [HurricaneHarveyReliefHouston](https://www.hurricaneharveyreliefhouston.org)

To stock the three Public Safety Assistance Centers, donation sites have been established throughout the state to collect items. If you know of an association or organization that might be willing to coordinate a donation site or contribute in any way, contact Toni Dunne at 512-970-7066 or at TXNENA.Dunne@gmail.com. She will send you detailed information on the locations accepting these donations. A sample letter and list of needs could be provided to publicize the effort.

Finally, a comprehensive list of PSAPs who were affected by the storms has been compiled. An Adopt-a-PSAP program has been created to match PSAPs interested in sending cards or care packages. This process will ensure that a few centers with great media attention don't get all the attention, leaving out other PSAPs that have gone through the storms as well. A list of individual telecommunicators has also been created with losses who will have the opportunity to apply for assistance through our joint effort. Please contact Hilaria Perez at hperez@nctcog.org if your center would like to participate.

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Public Safety Assistance Center List of Needs:

****Gift cards are always great but remember that in the short term there are limited areas to purchase items.**

<p><u>CLEANING SUPPLIES</u> Bleach (warning- bleach is not safe on treated wood and it is a corrosive. Use as directed) Tri-Sodium Phosphate (safe wall cleaner) Pine Sol, Ajax (surface cleaning soaps such as 409, windex) Dish Soap Mops, brooms, push brooms, dust pans Mold Spray Rubber Gloves for cleaning Leather Gloves for demolition and construction Face masks (mold abatement or paint mask for dust filters) Paper Towels Sponges Garbage bags (all sizes) Garden water hoses Shovels, garden rakes Buckets (5 gallon paint buckets or smaller cleaning buckets) Plastic Totes Spray bottles/Garden Sprayers Fans and Dehumidifiers rags and old towels mosquito spray</p>	<p><u>HOME NEEDS</u> Toilet paper Paper towels paper plates, utensils, cups Can opener (manual) Laundry detergent Laundry baskets Fabric softener/dryer sheets towels and wash cloths Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, new pillows) Pots & Pans Small electric appliances (toaster ovens, toasters) Coffee makers (if you send a coffee maker, send at least 100 of the matching filters) Blow dryers Curling iron air mattresses moving boxes small and large furniture first aid supplies School Supplies Pet food/supplies</p>
<p><u>CLOTHING</u> **Note- please only send new clothing. Pull ups Underwear (all sizes male and female) clothes and shoes for men, women, children and infants Big & tall size clothing is also needed Socks (all sizes)</p>	<p><u>INFANT/CHILD ITEMS</u> **Note – Only new clothes will be accepted. Diapers, wet wipes(unscented) if possible Baby powder Baby lotion Baby formula Baby bottles Socks Books Toys Stuffed animals (ONLY NEW due to allergies, etc.)</p>
<p><u>Toiletries</u> Bath soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes Baby powder, gold bond powder Deodorants flip flops for showers Hygiene products Brushes/combs Hair accessories Body lotion</p>	<p><u>Food</u> Fruit Cups Peanut Butter Canned Meat/Protein/Fruits & Vegetables Canned Stews, Soups, Chilies Powdered Milk Dry Cereal Easy to open snacks and meals Gatorade, Powerade, sports drinks, soft drinks, energy drinks, juice boxes</p>