



## 2012 SEVERE WEATHER/HURRICANE EVACUATION ENTITLEMENT GUIDANCE

The 2012 Severe Weather/Hurricane Season runs from June 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012.

The designated "safe haven" evacuation site for Coast Guard personnel and families within Camp Lejeune, Wilmington, and Fort Macon areas is Raleigh, North Carolina. This potentially comprises Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Jones, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick counties. A military member may evacuate elsewhere if he/she takes annual leave, which is subject to the approval of their supervisor.

In Raleigh, all Coast Guard members and dependents will be lodged in hotels and reimbursed by the Coast Guard for lodging, meals, and transportation. You will be reimbursed for mileage, per diem, and lodging expenses for traveling to this location. For those traveling with pets, please ensure they have identification collars, a travel kennel, and shot records. Many hotels do not allow pets, so consider making plans to lodge your pet elsewhere. When you call to make hotel reservations, ask the hotel if they allow pets. You will not be reimbursed for any pet fees.

Many highways departing the coastal North Carolina communities will become congested very quickly once the evacuation order is given (often before the order is given); therefore, you should consider leaving early. However, reimbursement is not authorized until the evacuation order is given, so you will have to weigh the convenience of getting out of town ahead of the crowds against the possibility that you may not receive reimbursement. In any case, fill up your gas tank, pack your bags, and be ready to go.

You are strongly encouraged to use the buddy system to travel to Raleigh. Drive in tandem with another Coast Guard family – do not trust your evacuation to just one car. Leave as early as you can, as travel will be slow and stressful.

Some families choose to make separate evacuation arrangements. They typically stay with family or friends. Please understand that these options may increase your expenses that cannot be reimbursed. If you stay with relatives or friends, whether in Raleigh or another location, you cannot be reimbursed for lodging, but can be reimbursed for meals or mileage.

Reimbursement for mileage will only be provided for travel from your home to Raleigh, NC and from Raleigh, NC to your home. If you evacuate to somewhere other than Raleigh, you will be reimbursed for mileage (limited to the total number of miles from your home to Raleigh and back), meals lodging. However, understand that if the area you go to has higher lodging and meals costs than the rates of Raleigh, you will lose money. The maximum you can receive for lodging and meals cannot exceed the daily rates for Raleigh, NC – the designated safe haven. The per diem for Raleigh, NC is \$91 (lodging) and \$66 (meals & incidentals). Dependents over 12 years of age will be entitled to the full meals & incidentals rate while dependents under 12 years of age will be reimbursed 50% of the meals & incidentals rate. Remember to save all your hotel and toll receipts.

**ENCLOSURE ( 3 )**

A Hurricane Evacuation Assistance Team (HEAT) will be placed at a hotel in Raleigh to assist you with the administrative details after an evacuation order is given. Notification will be sent out advising the location of the hotel.

The Greater Raleigh Visitors and Convention Bureau can assist with lodging in Raleigh during an evacuation. They are open from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, and the phone number is (919) 834-5900. Please be advised that you will only be reimbursed up to the maximum federal government rate in Raleigh for your room. If you choose to stay at a hotel that charges more than the federal government per diem rate in Raleigh, you will not be reimbursed for the difference.

Your safety is extremely important. If at any time you are uncertain about what you should do, or need help, please contact the Training Support Center at (910) 650-2369 or our Administrative Chief, YNC Robert Clerkin, at (910) 440-7038 or (910) 376-1058.