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Dear Sector North Carolina Family:

The 2016 severe weather/hurricane season starts on June 1st and ends on November 30th. Given the hurricanes and evacuations we have had the past years it is critical that we remain vigilant and be prepared this hurricane season. I urge you to implement a family action plan now so you are ready to go when an evacuation is ordered.

Sector North Carolina is here to support you and your family if an evacuation is ordered this season. The information provided in this packet is designed to assist you with respect to your relocation expenses in the event of an evacuation. The following applies:

- Reimbursement of expenses is available to active duty military members and civilian employees, and their dependents, only if the evacuation is authorized for your locale by the Fifth District Commander in Portsmouth, VA. The most significant impact on the District Commander's decision is whether state or local officials have determined that an evacuation is appropriate; however, the Sector Commander may request an evacuation order from the District based on local experience and as conditions dictate, even if state and local officials have not ordered an evacuation.
- If the District does authorize an evacuation for your locale, the following expenses will be covered within certain specific limits: travel to and from the designated safe haven site; lodging while at the safe haven site; meals and incidental expenses while at the safe haven site. The maximum dollar amount for reimbursement of each of the above items will be based on the location of the Coast Guard-designated safe haven. Evacuating to locations other than the designated safe haven site may increase your out-of-pocket expenses.
- Please be aware that travel advances may not be immediately available when an evacuation order is given, and Coast Guard members are prohibited from paying for dependent evacuation expenses on their government travel charge cards. Therefore, you should plan on using cash, checks or personal credit/debit cards to pay for dependent evacuation expenses, subject to reimbursement after travel claims are correctly filed and paid (with receipts submitted). Information will be provided to evacuating members when the evacuation order is issued by Fifth District.

Please carefully review the attached enclosures and our Family Guide to Hurricane Preparedness posted on the Sector Web Page (<http://www.uscg.mil/d5/sectnorthcarolina/>) for detailed severe weather/hurricane evacuation entitlement guidance. Everyone should be fully prepared. Please take this matter seriously, and take the steps now to protect your family in the event of a natural disaster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "P. J. Hill", written over a circular blue stamp or seal.

P. J. Hill
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander Sector North Carolina

Enclosure: (1) Severe Weather/Hurricane Evacuation Entitlement Guidance
(2) Personnel Accountability and Communication Systems
(3) CG Sector North Carolina Emergency Evacuation Card