



2016 SEVERE WEATHER/HURRICANE EVACUATION ENTITLEMENT GUIDANCE

The 2016 Severe Weather/Hurricane Season runs from 1 June 2016 through 30 November 2016.

The designated "safe haven" evacuation site for Coast Guard personnel and families within Sector North Carolina is Raleigh, NC. This potentially comprises Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Jones, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, Brunswick, Dare, and Perquimans counties, as well as all units located or home ported in Wilmington, Fort Macon and the Outer Banks: Sector North Carolina, SFO Fort Macon, SFO Cape Hatteras, ESD Outer Banks, ESD Fort Macon, Station Oregon Inlet, Station Hatteras Inlet, ANT Wanchese, ANT Fort Macon, ANT Oak Island, Station Elizabeth City, MSD Nags Head (DD-Inspections), ESSD Southport, Station Wrightsville Beach, Station Oak Island, Station Emerald Isle, Station Hobucken, **SMTC**, Base Elizabeth City, CGC DILIGENCE, CGC BAYBERRY, CGC ELM, CGC SMILAX, CGC CUSHING, CGC NANTUCKET, IPD Fort Macon, DUINS, and MAT Fort Macon.

Those military members stationed at Special Missions Training Center who are not required to deploy on cutters or stand watch at shore units will be ordered to evacuate to Raleigh or an alternate safe haven. 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 the designated safe haven. 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 or designated safe haven. 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 you can be reimbursed for meals and 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, and lodging. However, understand that if the area you go to has higher lodging and meals costs than the rates of Raleigh, you will receive the standard CONUS rate. The maximum reimbursement you can receive for lodging and meals cannot exceed the daily rates for Raleigh, NC - the designated safe haven. Remember to save all your hotel and toll receipts.

A Hurricane Evacuation Assistance Team (HEAT) will be in place at the Hilton Hotel North Raleigh – Midtown to assist you with the administrative details after an evacuation order is given. Contact the hotel at (919) 872-2323 and ask to speak with the Coast Guard representative to reach the HEAT.

The Hilton Raleigh – Midtown is located at: 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA 27609.

The website for the hotel is: <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/north-carolina/hilton-north-raleigh-midtown-RDUNHHF/index.html>

You may, but are not required to, stay at the Hilton Raleigh – Midtown if rooms are available. The Hilton Raleigh – Midtown has agreed to provide rooms at the per diem rate.

The Greater Raleigh Visitors and Convention Bureau can also assist with locating 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 per diem 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 supervisor of the Coast Guard member(s) in your family. You can also contact the following personnel:

SMTC Training Support Cell – (910) 440-6678

SMTC Officer of the Day – (910) 376-0824

Hurricane Evacuation Assistance Team (HEAT) - (910) 787-3187