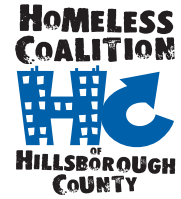


Cold Weather and Heat Wave Shelter Policy



It shall be the policy of the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County to have a plan to provide shelter to homeless people during cold weather and heat waves as outlined in the plan below.

I. Initiation

At approximately 10:30 AM, on the day of concern, a representative of the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center will make direct contact with Forecasters at the United States Weather Service’s Ruskin, Fla. Office (645-2323) for an official forecast. If, after factoring in the wind-chill factor, a temperature of approximately 32° F. or below is predicted or if the Heat Index reaches 105 degrees, the Emergency Operations Center representative will contact The Hillsborough County Coordinator (James J. Joyce) or an alternate. These two entities will make a joint decision to proceed with the plan.

Mike Trimpert (276-2385) has been named as the representative of the Emergency Operations Center.

Following are the calls to be made to notify all parties to prepare for the openings.

II. Hillsborough County Communications Department

- Michelle Van Dyke (W) 272-5314
- Mike Forester (W) 272-5314 (H) 684-6897

The communications department sends out the press releases to all the media; electronic and print. They are notified as soon as word is received that the shelters will be open so they can get the information out. Contact Ms. Van Dyke first, with Mr. Forester to be used as an alternate if unable to reach Michelle. On weekends, call Mike Forester directly at his home.

III. Bethune Park (Rural Shelter), 5809 Edina St., Wimauma, Fla.

- Melba Haley (W) 671-7618 (H) 248-8394
- Jose Martinez (W) 671-7618 (H) 645-1736
- Billy Cruz (W) 634-7136 (H) 633-3400 (C) 205-9208

Currently there is only one shelter in the rural community being utilized (with several

Tampa locations). We are negotiating for the opening at least one other in the Dover, Plant City area, but that is for future discussion. Bethune Park is located at 5809 Edina St. Wimauma, Fla. County Park and Recreation personnel staff the shelter. Supper and breakfast are provided by volunteers from Rev. Cruz's Good Samaritan Church. Melba Haley and/or Jose Martinez are contacted to advise them of the shelter opening. Billy Cruz, the assistant Pastor at Good Samaritan is notified so that they can prepare she food.

IV. Salvation Army

Steve Vick	(W) 226-0055
Red Shield	(W) 221-4440

The Salvation Army coordinates most of the sheltering provided in the Tampa area. They are responsible for notifying the other shelters that will be brought on line depending upon demand on a particular night. We are currently negotiating for space as our primary overflow shelter. Hyde Park Church provided this service last year and are expected to partner again this year. Abundant Life will also take in 15 additional people. We have arrangements with ACTS drop-in center if additional space is needed. The notification procedure is to advise Steve Vick that the shelters will be open. In Mr. Vick's absence, contact staff at the Red Shield Lodge to notify.

V. Metropolitan Ministries.

Christine Long	(W) 209-1029	(H) 654-0309	(C) 625-2811
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Metropolitan Ministries will shelter any family that needs a place to sleep. All homeless families in the Tampa area should be referred there. Notify Christine Long.

VI. Others To Be Notified.

Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County	
Rayme Nuckles, CEO	223-6115
Tampa Police Department Dist. III	276-3704
Sheriff's Office, Dist.IV	247-0455
Dept. Of Children & Families	
Pamela Rodgers	558-5520
County Public Schools	
Steve Ayers	272-4067
Homeless Hotline/211	234-1234

VII. E-Mail Notification of County Staff

An e-mail group has been established to forward the information that the shelters will be open to the following County Personnel.

Joe Stein (Assistant County Administrator);

Dave Rogoff (Director Health and Social Services);

Bart Banks (Dept. Director, HSS);

Lois Kessler (Parks and Rec);

Burnedine King (Mgr, HSS);

James J. Joyce (Weather Shelter Coordinator,);

Jim Silverwood (Weather Shelter Coordinator's 1st Alternate);

Reggie Earl (Weather Shelter Coordinator's 2nd Alternate);

Gloria Gaffney (Adm. Support HRP).

VIII. Coordinator's Contacts.

James J. Joyce (W) 276-2976 (H) 237-5935 (B) 887-8039

IX. Transportation.

HART will provide the transportation as needed and directed in these events as per the request of the EOC

Contact: Ralph Lavado (W) 623-5835