

Email received from Allan Rice, Executive Director – Alabama Fire College and Standards Commission

Subject: Donation of medical supplies to restock Alabama fire departments/rescue squads

Updated Message Text (Dated 5/19/11):

We are expecting the first tractor-trailer shipment of donated medical supplies to arrive in Alabama at the beginning of next week. We are also submitting a list based on the requests that we have received for a second shipment. If your department/squad was affected by the recent storms, please make sure that we have your request. See below for specific information on how to submit your request.

Original Text (Dated 5/11/11):

Alabama Fire College, AAVFD and AARS are working jointly to compile information related to replacement for medical supplies for Alabama first responder agencies that were affected by the April 27th tornadoes. We have been contacted by Catholic Charities USA about a donation of medical supplies that they would like to coordinate among their national network of hospitals. In order to help with this request, we need to get an idea of what supplies were either destroyed by the tornadoes or what was expended by fire departments and EMS units that responded to assist in the aftermath.

For AARS Rescue Squads:

Please send an email to rescue21_2000@yahoo.com and indicate if your facility/apparatus was damaged or destroyed, or if you responded to assist in affected areas. Also include a list of the medical supplies that you need.

For departments that are members of AAVFD:

If your station and/or equipment was damaged or destroyed, please make sure that you are on the list that the AAVFD office had compiled, then send a list of the supplies you need to aavfd@mindspring.com. You can call Sandra Mott at 1-334-262-2833 to add your department to the list of those damaged or destroyed.

If your department responded to assist in affected areas and used medical supplies, please send a list of the supplies you need to aavfd@mindspring.com

For paid or combination fire departments:

Please send an email to mcarroll@alabamafirecollege.org and indicate if your facility/apparatus was damaged or destroyed, or if you responded to assist in affected areas. Also include a list of the medical supplies that you need.

If any department or squad used pharmaceutical supplies that need to be restocked, please include these in your list. If received, these will be transmitted to you through the Alabama Hospital Association so that the proper chain of accountability is maintained.

If at all possible, we would like to give them at least a preliminary response by **this Friday, May 13th**, so please submit your needs list at your earliest opportunity.

While we cannot guarantee that all requested needs will be met, we are certainly appreciative of this offer of assistance from Catholic Charities USA and we want to do our best to allow them to help Alabama Fire Departments and Rescue Squads. Please share this information with other departments/squads that might not have seen this information.