



## **Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS / EMA**

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## **Shelby Cares Recruiting Reserve Volunteers**



Hurricane season is here. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued their "2013 Atlantic hurricane season outlook" predicting 13 to 20 named storms, 7 to 11 may become hurricanes, and 3 to 6 may become major hurricanes. When hurricanes are predicted, those living in coastal areas may be displaced by either voluntary or mandatory evacuations. These evacuees head inland to safer urban areas, such as Shelby County, Tennessee.

Shelby Cares, the county's faith-based sheltering initiative, will be ready to house these evacuees until the storm has passed and it is safe to go back home. Led by the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, under the direction of Bob Nations, Jr., Shelby Cares is now recruiting reserve volunteers who are interested in serving in these shelters. These reserves will be trained to assist the staff in operations and maintaining the day-to-day business of housing, feeding, and caring for those in need. Shelby Cares reserves must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of Shelby County, and have reliable transportation. Once trained, Shelby Cares reserves will be expected to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours per shift when called in to a shelter.

Those who are interested, please email Terry Donald at [terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov). An application will be sent to you electronically. Or for more information, please call Terry Donald at 901.222.6717.

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