



Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses

Operation Stand Down Tent City

To all volunteers who are participating in Tent City for Veterans 2011:

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I want to thank you in advance for your personal contribution to this effort. Your involvement will change you in ways you can't even imagine right now. I want to give you a few pointers from my own experiences:

1. The water from the hose is not drinkable. We will have bottled water and coffee for you.
2. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Civies are fine. Nurses might want to wear a lab coat or scrubs.
3. Bring your work ID with you. If you are stuck in the registration area, call my cell phone and I will come meet you. It will be very busy there around 10-12. Try to get there before that time.
4. Lunch/snacks will be provided for our tent volunteers. There is a food tent for veterans and volunteers. You can do that if you prefer.
5. Once inside the camp, you can leave, you are not restricted or hostage to the camp, but you will need to reenter through registration.
6. The tents are used at the end of the day to put the veterans up for the night. We will need to box up all the supplies Friday for them to have the tent to sleep in. The National Guard will provide security on the grounds.
7. There is a campfire at night if you want to stay beyond the provision times (when the service tents such as ours are available). You are welcome to stay the night too, if you wish, but you should bring your own gear and save the gear donations for the veterans.
8. This is run as an Incident Command site for refugees. I am not the Incident Commander.
9. I will have all the supplies except that which was requisitioned earlier and those that you volunteered to bring. If so, please drop them to my office the Thursday before unless you are signed up for first shift Friday morning in which case, bring them with you.
10. Please help maintain order in the tent: we are VERY popular, and it can get VERY busy. YOU NEED TO LET ME KNOW when you need a break. Please pace yourselves. This year we will have a volunteer collecting data from our tent visitors. We hope this will help our municipal leaders that the effort impacts their community and will continue (or start) to support the staffing needs.

On behalf of all Veterans past, present and future,
Thank you again.

Kitty Mahoney