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## Memphians helping with Hurricane Sandy response effort

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 4, 2012 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency has tasked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to assist with the disaster relief mission underway in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. Three Memphis District employees have deployed to the east coast as part of that overall mission.

Steve Sansone, Whit Barton and Jim Pogue are in the New York/New Jersey region to support the recovery effort. Sansone is serving as an Emergency Power subject matter expert (SME), Barton is a Debris Removal SME and Pogue is working in USACE's Information Center at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, N.Y.

When not deployed for emergencies like Hurricane Sandy, Sansone works in the Memphis District's Emergency Operations Center, Barton works at the Corps' Ensley Engineer Yard and Pogue is the Memphis District's Public Affairs Officer. All three individuals have extensive expertise in disaster recovery work with work during the flood of 2011, Hurricane Katrina and other response missions.

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Also tasked with the Hurricane Sandy recovery mission is the USACE Dewatering Team. This team is being led by Alvin Lee from USACE's Mississippi Valley Division based in Vicksburg, Miss. The Mississippi Valley Division established a Dewatering Task Force in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 to remove trapped or contained floodwaters from flood affected areas. This team consists of USACE civilian professionals with expertise in civil, electrical, mechanical and hydraulic engineering, contracting, emergency management and public affairs.

The mission of the Task Force is to remove water from the subways and low areas in New York City and New Jersey and set the conditions for traditional recovery operations.

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