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# POLICY/PROCEDURE

Focus Area:  
Site and Member Services

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See Also: Member Service Agreement

## POL – 160

### MANAGING MEMBER DEPLOYMENT FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

This Policy/Procedure applies to all Washington Service Corps (WSC) AmeriCorps members, or any other AmeriCorps members managed by WSC, who may be deployed for disaster response or recovery efforts.

WSC members may be deployed to help support disaster response, emergency responses and/or recovery efforts within Washington State. Such responses are usually reserved for emergencies as declared by the Governor of the state of Washington or a federal agency responsible for emergency response.

Deployments are generally initiated by the WSC. Sponsoring Organizations may request a deployment in the event of an emergency situation as declared by the governor or other appropriate federal agency. Any such request must receive WSC approval PRIOR to the deployment.

Deployment will be considered if the following criteria are met:

- The Sponsoring Organization agrees to make the member available for training and possible deployment.
- The member understands that their health and safety are a priority and will follow all safety precautions of the organization in charge of the disaster response and/or the deployment.
- The member understands that disaster deployment will generally include conditions which are physically, mentally, and emotionally difficult.
  - The member is prepared and willing to serve in the extreme conditions.
- The member is willing to volunteer and is available to deploy within the required timeframe.

All WSC policies remain in place and applicable during deployment.