The District 4 relief effort has been overwhelming.

We have received donations from multiple volunteer ambulance services and volunteer fire departments throughout the state, PA and as far as Indiana. I will mention all of the squads in a follow up e-mail.

We have received new tech bags for each affected squad from Porta-Brace, turnout gear, helmets, etc.

To date, Broad Channel VFD-VAC received an ambulance from Glendale VAC and Sag Harbor VAC. The district delivered boxes of medical gear including gloves, BLS equipment, 10 plus full sets of turnout gear, helmets and boots to Broad Channel and West Hamilton Beach. The district also delivered lines of fire hose to both and a Jaws of Life to West Hamilton Beach. Gerrittsen Beach VFD-VAC in Brooklyn received several boxes of medical equipment, stair chair, batteries, cleaning supplies and several other needed items.

To date, all mentioned squads have been given 6 each: Saber radios, chargers and equipment.

The remaining squads, Point Breeze VFD, Rockaway Point VFD-VAC and Roxbury Emergency Services (VFD-VAC) will all be receiving equipment today.

We have been at all of the affected squads daily since the Monday after the storm, and will be there when needed.

We have to date also secured a loaner 4x4 ambulance from NS-LIJ Health System that is currently being used by Broad Channel.

West Hamilton Beach has an ambulance in service.

Rockaway Point and Roxbury received vehicles from Maimonides Hospital EMS, however, both have been deemed unusable.

The district has contacted two other offers and an ambulance will be on the way for Roxbury. Rockaway Point received a vehicle from NEASV.

The district also secured light towers with generators from NYC OEM for the firehouses so that they would have power and lighting last Tuesday. The towers were delivered within an hour of District 4 Vice Chair Marty Grillo’s request.

The district has also been working with the local Glendale Civilian Patrol and Glendale VAC delivering food and needed supplies to these services. They have made over 100 trips to the Rockaways.

We are still receiving equipment on a daily basis and will continue to distribute these items to the squads.

Thank you to all who have been helping.

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