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GeoElections' Contribution To Hurricane Michael Relief

Noon October 10, 2018 Hurricane Michael hit the panhandle of Florida as the only recorded Category 4 hurricane on record. Landfall brought an unrelenting fury creating destruction and devastation on a historic level leaving ruin in its path. With housing and infrastructure virtually eliminated in its path to Georgia, the people and pets of the panhandle were in dire need of help. The grief and suffering were too great to turn away from regardless the great out pouring of resources that rushed into help with recovery efforts in the panhandle.

Thursday, October 11th, a friend from Compassion Kind in St. Petersburg, FL informed Rob Tozier, a member of the ICW staff, they were part of a rescue relief group looking for assistance to move hurricane relief supplies to the panhandle. While the entire team at ICW could not participate,



Rob was available and offered his 20 foot box trailer, SUV, his time and effort to haul relief supplies into the devastated area.

After a brief conversation with the people at Compassion Kind, they created a game plan to leave Tampa on Friday, October 12th. Late in the afternoon on Friday Rob attached his 20ft box trailer and drove from his office to the loading area where the team packed supplies for people and pets that had been displaced from their homes with little or no supplies.

Loaded with the relief supplies, Rob commenced his trek north to a destination in Tallahassee, about a 290 mile trip. On Saturday morning, October 13th, he drove about 85 miles to Chipley FL and rendezvoused with the rest of the group members at the Washington County Animal Control Shelter. In Chipley some of the volunteers assisted in taking care of the animals while others unloaded supplies. After finishing their work in

Chipley they caravanned to Panama City about 58 miles away.

In Panama City they handed out supplies for people and pets. Those supplies included tarps, bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, dog food - wet and dry, cat food - wet and dry, dog treats, cat treats, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, blankets, towels, portable fans, solar powered lanterns and solar powered portable chargers. They dodged debris, downed powerlines and power poles. The devastation was indescribable and was much worse than what photos could show.

After a brief stay in Panama City they made their way to Panama City Beach about 10 miles south west. They continued to hand out supplies



until their haulers were empty. At the end of the day Rob made his way back to Tampa about a 380 mile drive. Amazingly with 8 wheels on the ground between vehicle and trailer the most likely thing



that could have happened did not and he managed to make the almost 850 mile trip from Tampa to Panama City Beach and back unscathed and without a single nail in a tire.

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New Control For GeoElections – [GeoCode]

Enhancing the functionality of the geocoder in **GeoElections** to support **GeoPoints**, ICW has modified the **GeoElections – [GeoCode]** dialog box to include a new control. The new check box has the following instruction, “**Use Primary address only when secondary address is not included**”. This new control is illustrated in the dialog box below.

Geocoding with this feature **unchecked**, voter records with a secondary address designator (SAD) will only match a point with a matching SAD.

When this feature is **checked**, voters with SADs will geocode to points without SADs.

When checked, this feature is useful for multiple reasons:

1. In cases when a main address for a multi-residential property exists and you do not have SADs, the voters will geocode to the primary address even if they have SADs in their respective records.
2. If the facility is contained within a single census block and it is not practicable to provide a secondary address designator for each residential unit and some voters included this in their info, the voters will geocode. this in their info, the voters will geocode.

17th Annual GeoElections Conference

December 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2018 at the **Embassy Suites Hotel** located at 10220 Palm River Rd., Tampa, FL 33619. Welcome

guest speaker James Whitehorne, Chief Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office, US Census Bureau. Also to be



presented technical topics using **GeoElections**. Users should bring their projects on a notebook for a project workshop using your own data.

The GeoElections Conference presents a unique opportunity for elections staff to obtain training in the use of **GeoAuthor**, **GeoPoints** and **GeoElections**.

Meet your counter parts from other counties from Florida and other states. Learn how other professionals solved problems using GeoElections. The GeoElections Conference presents a unique opportunity for elections officials. We focus upon the successful use of GIS in the elections process dictated by the best practices in elections administration.

Dinner and Top Golf.



Work hard and plan to enjoy driving off an upper deck. Take your frustrations out on a golf ball with qualified instructors.

For more information about the **GeoElections Conference** visit: www.icwmaps.com and **Events>Conferences**.



See you in December!

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