

Information Related to May 2013 Tornado Relief Efforts

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is receiving numerous requests from nurses wanting to assist in the May 2013 tornado relief efforts. Volunteers are being discouraged from traveling to the affected areas on their own and should volunteer through established relief agencies. The following information has been gathered to assist current Oklahoma licensed nurses in their volunteer efforts:

Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps - <http://www.okmrc.org>

American Red Cross - <http://www.redcross.org> - 800-733-2767

Salvation Army - <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org> - 800-725-2769

Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) - <http://www.obl.org> - 1-877-OBI-GIVE

Out of State Licensed Nurses:

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act provides an exception to the Act to *allow any nurse who has an active, unencumbered license in another state or territory who is physically present in this state on a nonroutine, nonregular basis for a period not to exceed seven (7) consecutive days in a given year to not be licensed in Oklahoma during the seven consecutive day period while providing nursing services.*

Additionally, nurses can apply for a Special Volunteer License if the nurse is not receiving compensation for services rendered under the special volunteer license. The application and instructions can be accessed at:

<http://www.ok.gov/nursing/volunteerapp.pdf>