



The South Carolina Wing was alerted on Sept. 7 to support state and federal emergency service agencies in preparation for Hurricane Florence. Members assisted with the evacuation of coastal residents on Sept. 11 and then provided reconnaissance for weeks after the hurricane came ashore on Sept. 13, with more than 200 cadet and senior members participating.

The wing assisted the South Carolina Emergency Management Division in documenting

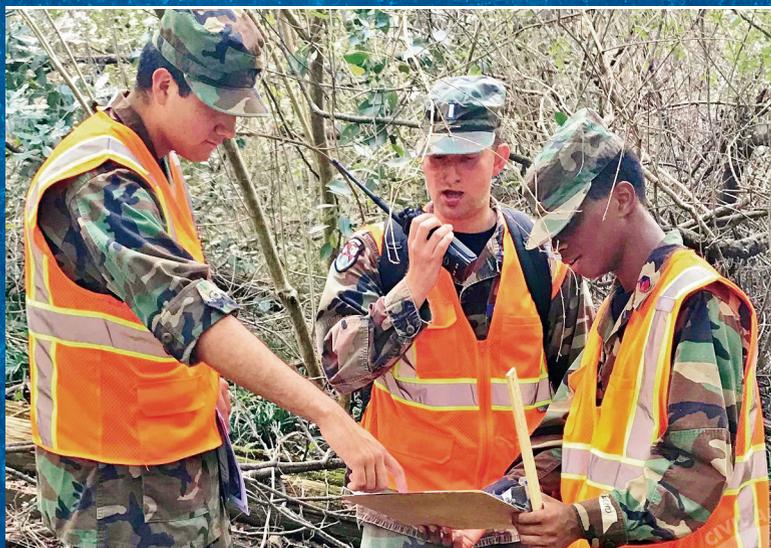
road traffic issues during evacuation. After the hurricane passed, members identified flood- and wind-damaged areas where residents were struggling to escape. They also reported on damage to homes, businesses, schools, hospitals, roads and dams.

Over nearly two months, aircrews spent 415 hours aloft, took nearly 8,000 aerial photographs and transported government officials to observe flood and wind damage.

For the first time, the Federal Emergency Management Agency tasked wing squadrons with measuring the depth of the flooding and debris trails and reporting on the extent of damage and the immediate needs of people in the path of the storm.

South Carolina Wing members coordinated their missions with those of other emergency responders, including highway patrol officers, police officers, sheriff's deputies, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, federal agency personnel and others.

One lesson learned from Hurricane Florence is that the wing must recruit and train more members to conduct emergency missions over a longer duration should more intense hurricanes pass through South Carolina.



*Ground team members from the Camden Military Academy Cadet Squadron help assess the impact of Hurricane Florence.*



# SC WING

## 2018 STATISTICS

### Volunteer Members

523 adult members  
347 cadets  
129 aircrew personnel  
575 emergency responders

### Squadrons

22 locations statewide

### Aircraft

10 single engine  
1 glider

### Vehicles

22 vehicles

### Interoperable Communications

14 VHF/FM repeaters  
193 VHF/FM stations  
35 HF stations

### Missions

12 search and rescue missions  
16 finds\*  
\* Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support  
4 disaster relief missions  
15 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions  
19 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions  
2 other Air Force support missions  
22 training missions  
2 other state support missions

4 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

### Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2018

Jasper County Storm Surveys; Fertile Keynotes; America Shield; Winter Storm Traffic Surveys; Shaw AFB Low Level Route Surveys; 169th Fighter Wing Crosstell Exercises Support; Hurricane Florence

### Cadet Flying

652 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

### Total Hours Flown

1,972

### Financial

\$55,000 in state funding  
\$2.4 million value of wing's volunteer hours

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## INTERESTING FACTS

- >> Hurricane Florence resulted in wing's longest disaster and search and rescue response.
- >> Wing held largest cadet encampment.
- >> Wing maintains enduring partnership with state Air National Guard.

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