



FLIGHT 1 CARRIERS

Crisis Response and Disaster Relief

Assisting Communities
and Individuals
in Need





Collaboration • Coordination • Transportation

At Flight1 Carriers, we have a unique approach to helping communities in crisis due to natural disasters or civil unrest. Since 2014, we have provided incident emergency response and ongoing relief to over 5,000 people in the Greater Baltimore area. We are a not-for-profit 501(c) organization funded by grants, businesses and individual contributions. We use just 10% of our grants to cover administrative costs, with 100% of community donations going directly to disaster and crisis response.

What We Do

Flight1 Carriers deploys an 'end-to-end' model for assisting communities and individuals in need. From sourcing and storing supplies to on-site logistics coordination, we are involved in the entire chain of emergency response. This also includes the transportation of people, equipment and supplies via our own air and ground vehicles to support first-responder actions.

Emergency Deployment Center

Housed in a 3,000-square foot building in Baltimore, the EDC is the heart of F1C operations. At these headquarters, we are able to accommodate an inventory of supplies, equipment and volunteer activities. From here, we engage in the following:

- Prepare and supply hundreds to thousands of Disaster Response and Humanitarian Aid Packs.
- Coordinate distribution, as needed, through a network of service providers. We collaborate with non-profits, church-affiliated groups, homeless shelters, community development centers and city emergency management programs.
- Carry out our Healthy Food Deployment Program to deliver food and other supplies to communities in need, including the homeless, refugees, poverty-stricken families and senior residents. We manage a network of providers, such as food manufacturers and produce growers, to support these programs.

Disaster Relief Transportation

With access to cargo vehicles, F1C provides ground and air transportation services to deliver supplies, resources and equipment into disaster areas. We collaborate with government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for the fastest possible response to emergency and disaster events. Our organization includes pilots and drivers to operate our own or contracted transports. We support first responders by bringing in their emergency materials and equipment.

How We Operate

F1C is unique in our ability to respond in hours, not days.

Spoke & Hub Model

Our response strategy includes deploying localized satellites in order to be ready on the spot for any type of emergency. For example we'll monitor significant weather events or civil unrest activities in order to staff and stock in tactical locations for immediate response and relief. In these types of events, roads are often closed or areas of a city are blocked off. The elderly and poor may not have access to food or emergency supplies.

Flight1 Carriers Consortium

To ensure that we are prepared for the future and remain forward thinking, F1C has established a think tank called the Flight1 Carriers Consortium. This group of experts comes from the local community, businesses and academic institutions. The consortium includes designers, engineers, fabricators and other professionals who have come together to develop disaster response products and programs.



Conference of Mayors Preparing Meals



Delivering Relief in Times of Crisis

F1C in Action

During the April 2015 Baltimore uprising, many families were unable to get food and supplies due to riots and civil unrest. Organizations cancelled events, businesses were closed and the mayor enforced a curfew. Flight1 Carriers sourced and distributed fresh, healthy food and housing supplies to over 900 senior residents living near ground zero of the riots.

F1C transported almost 1,000 disaster response packs to people in need during the record-breaking winter storm Jonas in January 2016. With major roadways shut down for days F1C used their pre-arranged satellite locations and transport resources to provide direct aid and support for first responders.



Providing Critical Aid to Those in Need

“Flight1 Carriers has been important to the families of Goodnow, home to hundreds of refugees who struggle to make ends meet. Flight1 Carriers has provided food, clothing, bedding, and toiletries to these families.”

— **Leader, Goodnow Community**

“As an expert in the field of poverty studies and advocacy in Baltimore, I can say with confidence that Flight1 Carriers is seeking to meet a significant need that no other organization in the Baltimore area is addressing.”

— **Asst. Director of Strategic Partnerships, United Way**

How You Can Help

We exist through the support of many dedicated volunteers, community partners, our consortium and board members. In 2017, the F1C mission is to expand the positive impact we've made to communities beyond the Baltimore area. We need your help to achieve our goal of bringing much needed support to additional communities. Here's how you can contribute:

Corporate Sponsorships

The support we receive from business organizations is critical to running F1C operations. There are a number of ways you'll benefit as a sponsoring partner, including great PR, community goodwill and tax deductions. How you can help:

- Make us one of your preferred charitable organizations. Financial donations, including employee-matching programs, are F1C's primary source of funding.
- Provide donations-in-kind of supplies and equipment.
- Encourage your employees to give back with full and half day volunteer programs. Our partners often leverage this opportunity as a valuable team building activity. Company sponsored volunteering is a win-win for your organization, your community and F1C.
- Provide seasonal support, especially during the winter holidays, when community needs for food, gifts and other items are at a peak.

Individuals

We greatly appreciate community members who are motivated to help others in need. Support in all areas is welcome and there are a number of ways you can help:

- Financial donations are used to maintain our inventory and support our distribution programs. Our supporters set up one-time gifts or monthly contributions. Because F1C is a registered 501(c) non-profit, all donations are tax deductible.
- Perhaps the greatest gift you can give is your time. By volunteering, you help us expand our programs to help even more people. Volunteer opportunities range from a few hours to a full day.
- Make F1C your preferred charity with Amazon Smile. As your preferred charitable organization, we receive a percentage from every Amazon purchase you make. There is no extra charge to you. Simply sign up for Amazon Smile the next time you visit Amazon.com, select Flight1 Carriers as your preferred charitable organization and start shopping!
- Help us with grant writing. We are always on the lookout for people with experience in applying for government and business grants.



At Flight1 Carriers, we are passionate about helping people and communities in need of crisis relief. We have the experience and resources required to bring a multi-function and collaborative approach to incident emergency response. The help we provide is possible due to the generous support we receive from volunteers, individual and corporate gifting, and the steadfast commitment of our board and think tank members.



About Flight1 Carriers

CEO Bryant Smith established Flight1 Carriers because of his passion for helping people and communities in need. Bryant brings us more than 22 years of experience in managing social and ecologic restoration projects throughout the United States. Working with communities in need, including the unsheltered homeless, poverty-stricken families and refugees, Bryant saw a disconnect between responding agencies. He determined that by broadening the definition of what is considered a disaster, F1C could provide meaningful support for these populations and communities, as well as for areas affected by all types of emergencies.



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