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Dear Sheriff:

Response to the request for assistance to aid sheriffs in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina has been phenomenal. Additional agencies are still needed. I would like to address general questions which have been received thus far.

- ✓ **How many deputies are needed?** Whatever a Sheriff's Office can spare for immediate response. The responding deputies must be self-sufficient for a minimum of 3 days (patrol car, equipment, food, water, clothing, shelter). Pack your sleeping bag and pup tent. Two deputies per patrol car are allowable.
- ✓ **How long are we needed?** This will be a long term operation. Deputies will be needed for a minimum 3 days to a maximum of what a Sheriff's Office will allow. We will also be scheduling replacements until the State of Emergency has ended.
- ✓ **Do we get re-imbursed?** We are gathering Sheriff's Offices with personnel and resources and contacting Sheriff's Office with needs to marry them up. We then ask the requesting agency to have their EMA Director place the responding Sheriff's Office name in the EMAC system specifically naming the responding agency. The request should be routed to the State EMA, then to the responding State EMA to the local EMA of the responding agency with a FEMA tracking number. **NOTE: YOU MAY NOT BE REIMBURSED WITHOUT A FEMA TRACKING NUMBER!**
- ✓ **Supplies needed by victims and Sheriff's deputies in devastated jurisdictions:** Bottled water, Non-perishable food, batteries, flashlights, baby needs (formula and diapers), cell phones, new blankets, law enforcement resources such as command posts, generators, boats, aviation.

My office is coordinating the response. Please feel free to contact me at 205-752-0616, cell phone 205-799-2911, email tsexton@tuscco.com, Lt. Eric Bailey, 205-752-0616, ext 620, cell phone 205-242-6277, email ebailey@tuscco.com, Elaine Gray, 205-752-0616, ext 603. Our office hours are 8:30-5:00 central standard time. Any needs after this hour should be sent to one of the above listed cell phones, or to our communications divisions and clearly state what you need.

Thanks

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