

Situation Report

Katrina-16
Rita-2

State of Indiana
Operation Hoosier Relief

September 23, 2005 - 1730

Direct Support to Mississippi:



Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force – Biloxi, MS

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WEATHER-

Today 89 with a low tonight of 79. 40% chance of thunderstorms. Tomorrow high of 85 low of 77 with a 70% chance of thunderstorms. A wind advisory has been issued through Saturday with sustained winds of 20-30 mpg with occasional higher gusts. A flood watch has also been issued for the Mississippi Gulf Coast through Saturday. Flood watch thru Saturday.

ISSUES

Hurricane Rita is still being continually monitored.

DHS-BRAD THATCHER/DARIN HOGGATT

Rita is still a category 4 hurricane and is tracking West by Northwest. This storm is projected to make landfall on the Texas/Louisiana border late Friday early Saturday. The Guard brought in 20 tons of sand and sandbags to secure the tents. Brad Thatcher briefed the Team Leaders that in the event of pop up tornados the staff will be sheltering in the coliseum. In the event of a tornado warning the Law Enforcement contingent in camp will sound their sirens and flash their lights to advise people to take shelter. Each staff member will receive a face mask in the event we have to enter the coliseum. Darin Hoggatt will be responsible for issuing each Task Force member a face mask to help protect them from the mold. If it is necessary to take shelter please have a team member appointed who will have the responsibility of accounting for that teams staff, to ensure all members are sheltered properly. Darrin suggested getting organized into teams of 5-10 members to aid in the accountability process. Linda Smith R.N was discharged from the hospital today and will be staying at hospital this evening. Linda will probably be departing on Saturday.

DNR-TERRY HYNDMAN

The Orange County Sheriff's Office related that they had taken a report of 3-5 bodies in the Hancock County area. IDNR officers were dispatched but they could not make contact with the Orange County Officers. Two missions were completed on two new waterway systems. DNR Officers have observed more recreational fisherman. They have made contact with several fishermen and advised them of the health risks associated with eating fish from contaminated waterways. Night patrols in Hancock and Harrison Counties are still continuing in partnership with the Mississippi Marine Patrol. There have been fewer missions where individuals are requesting food and water. Officers are still encountering several storm victims who are sleeping in tents along the waterways. IDNR confirmed that the Gulf has been opened to recreational/commercial boating and fishing. However, this may not be an issue as the officers were informed that all fish processing plants have been destroyed so there may not be many of these.

ISP-MAJ. MISHLER

Law Enforcement officers are seeing an increase in arrest numbers. A total of 46 misdemeanor and felony arrests occurred. Major Mishler worked on weather related contingency plans. There will be a law enforcement patrol along the west end of the camp. There will still be a roving patrol in the evenings. The following activities were reported:

Squad 1

- 1 assigned to Yankee Stadium
- 1 assisted the Salvation Army
- 1 provided security for the Whoopie Goldberg visit

Squad 2

- Assisted Biloxi PD with several calls for service that accounted for 22 arrests
- Assisted Biloxi PD with arrests for curfew violations, domestic abuse, drug violations, marijuana and cocaine possession charges.

Squad 3

- 1 patrolled the center and west beats of Harrison County
- Assisted deputies on several minor calls

Squad 4

- Patrolled Long Beach
- Assisted in four arrests
- 1 marijuana arrest
- 1 drug arrest
- 1 recovery of \$1,847.00 pending further investigation

Squad 5

- Assisted Biloxi PD on patrols.
- 1 arrest of possession of a controlled substance
- 1 arrest of criminal trespass

Squad 6

- 1 attempted suicide by over dose, victim was transported
- 1 traffic stop written warning issued for a broken tail light
- 1 checked complaint of reckless driving
- 1 checked meth-head, refused transport
- 3 arrests for curfew, one involving possible crack pipe
- 1 traffic stop for DUI
- 1 traffic stop for passenger public intoxication
- 1 warehouse security, 3 hours
- Assisted M.H.P. with a shooting investigation on I-10 east of exit 26
- 1 public intoxication arrest

Squad 7

- Assisted Biloxi PD
- 6 arrests
- 5 reports
- 4 warnings
- 5 police services
- Squad leader performed camp security for 6 hours

Squad 8

- 3 traffic stops
- 1 abandoned vehicle

Squad 10

- 6 traffic stops
- 3 traffic arrests
- 9 criminal arrests

38 warnings issued
Squad 11
Assisted Biloxi PD
Provided security for Whoopie Goldberg visit
1 assisted at scene of traffic accident
1 assisted at fire scene

MEDICAL- JENNIFER BUNCH

Dr. Bunch spent today hardening the medical tents. A Medical team visited the W.I.C. clinic. This clinic is providing space to the Medical team for them to establish a clinic at this site. The Medical team relayed that the neighborhood outreach missions went really well. Individuals had a lot of questions and concerns about Hurricane Rita. The Medical Staff will probably be transitioning the church clinics to half day operations to begin the process of phasing out the operation. A total of 756 patients were seen. 359 vaccinations were given. 79 prescriptions were written. 5691 medicines were distributed.

MENTAL HEALTH-VICKIE TROUT

There is a lot of concern among citizens that we will be departing for Galveston and leaving them behind. There are several rumors concerning the need for typhoid and rabies vaccinations. It was found that the First Assembly Church of God has an established clinic and they are working with a local Doctor who has given them his permission to distribute medications. Darrin will coordinate with them to see if our team can offer any assistance. A mental health worker will be visiting this site tomorrow. Things are going well at the FEMA clinics in this area. All of the major mental health issues are primarily surrounding the approach hurricane Rita. 689 total individuals were seen today. Vicki Trout will be establishing a rotation schedule to determine which staff will be at which locations. The next mental health team will be bringing in a child trauma specialist.

PIO-ANDY ZERKLE

Coordinated meeting with Director Dietz and the Mayor of Biloxi tomorrow. This flight has been cancelled so the meeting will have to be rescheduled. Andy Zerkle reviewed the Biloxi media coverage of the operation and found several stories. Coordinated with Laporte and Martinsville media outlets about their local law enforcement officer's activities. Cardinal Health Systems would like to do a story in the Muncie Star about activities of their local nurses. Dr. Bunch will try and contact this outlet if time allows. Creating an informational sheet that will be distributed to team members to take home with them to give them guidance on contacting their local media. Andy was interviewed by a Lafayette press outlet about our operation going to Galveston. Went to the local radio station center and did a public service statement regarding the CDC tetanus recommendations that will be added to the stations daily stories.

GUARD-COL. BOUCHER

185 gallons of gas are left. No more than 120-130 gallons of this supply should be used. Is attempting to work through the Indiana Guard Division and have been told that they will be refueling them tomorrow. Tents have been sandbagged. If tents start to move

please put a staff person in each corner of the tent to secure it to the ground. Brad would like there to be a tent leader to be responsible for working through any problems with the tents. Please let the MCC know and they will provide assistance.

INDOT-(Hoosier helper) DON HOLDER

Gave out MREs to homeless individuals. Would like to secure a small supply of these to keep on board the vans. Major Mishler stressed that no MREs should be distributed from the camp site. Don Holder's replacement will be arriving tomorrow. The following activities were reported:

- 6 abandoned vehicles removed
- 3 traffic directions given
- 4 escorts
- 1 gas refuels
- 3 assists with overheated vehicles
- 2 information stops
- 1 jump start
- 9 welfare checks
- 7 tire changes
- 10 debris removals

MDI Fuel Tanker Support – Camp Shelby, MS:

SITREP

No data received since 9/14

Local Government, Direct Support to Louisiana:

Law Enforcement Agency Support – Jefferson Parrish

- Hendricks County Sheriff – 11 officers (*returned 9/17*)
- Carroll County Sheriff – 7 officers (*returned 9/8*)
- Wabash County Sheriff – 1 officer (*returned 9/9*)
- Henry County Sheriff – 19 officers (*returned – date unknown*)
- Putnam County Sheriff – 21 officers (*returned 9/9*)
- Madison County Sheriff – 21 officers (*returned 9/9*)
- Delaware County Sheriff – 11 officers (*returned 9/9*)
- Morgan County Sheriff – 3 officers (*returned 9/9*)
- Marion PD – 8 officers (*1st rotation on-scene*)

EMS Support – New Orleans

LaGrange County/Noble County – 4 ALS Paramedics and 2 ambulances
(Still in Louisiana, estimated return date is +/- Sep 30)

Local Government, Direct Support to Mississippi:

50-Man Law Enforcement Task Force – Mississippi (general)

The City of Indianapolis has offered a 50-man ERG team for deployment to MS.
No request from the State of Mississippi – Indianapolis team no longer available at present..

Adopt-a-Town:

LaGrange County has adopted the City of D’Iberville, MS. *LaGrange County representatives will be taking a truckload of apples, potatoes, and Bisquick to D’Iberville on Sunday, September 25 and will assess future needs at that time.*

Adopt-a-County:

Lawrence County, Indiana is adopting Lawrence County, Mississippi.

Hancock County, Indiana is partnering with Hancock County, Mississippi. *Two truckloads of needed material was delivered to Hancock County, MS last week by representatives of Hancock County.*

Volunteer Support to Mississippi or Louisiana:

American Red Cross –

No report since Sept 13th.

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives –

3 calls related to individuals or organizations offering housing for displaced persons were received and processed over the weekend. Still referring numerous calls “out” for additional and/or correct action.

INVOAD / Affiliated Volunteer Agencies

Over 2900 volunteers logged available to be deployed as requested among our 27 agencies.

Evacuee Registration as of 9/24/05 08:00

Total Registrants: 3069
Total Families: 2563
Total Self Registrants: 272
Possible Duplicate Evacuees: 305

***** By State of Origin

Total Evacuees from Alabama: 15
Total Evacuees from Louisiana : 2380
Total Evacuees from Mississippi: 644
Total Evacuees from unknown state: 30

***** FEMA

(18 years or older)
Total with FEMA ID: 1620

***** Long Term Housing *****

Total requesting long term housing:
1117
Total families: 776

***** By Age *****

Total under 5 years of age: 171
Total school age (between 5 and 18): 13
Total college age (between 18 and 22):
37
Total from age 23 to 59: 798
Total 60 or older: 170
Total age unknown: 1380

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Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN)

- Has 300 volunteers in Gulf area.
- Due to the Incoming Storm Rita, 140 patients and 300 general Evacuees from Thibodaux are being evacuated to Alexandria, Louisiana. (combined from two separate shelters along the Coast)
- Total 60 Doctors and Nurses will be stationed in the combined shelter in Alexandria.
- In Biloxi MS: There are 52 Medical Staff incoming on Wednesday to replace 35 rotating out today. There will be an average of 50 rotating through the next 6 to 8 weeks and the numbers will potentially increase when bunk beds are installed in the Staffing unit to allow for more staff.

People Helping People

- Has 26 people on the ground in Gulf States.
- Have sent 28 truckloads of good to the area.
- Acquired a 45 passenger bus to transport volunteers to and from area
- Needs are for cleaning supplies, trash bags, and cleanup volunteers

United Church of Christ - Indiana-Kentucky Conference, United Church of Christ

- Offerings are being taken for long-term recovery in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana.

211 Information Network

- No new information for 10/19/05

Red Cross in Indiana

- Opened 1342 assistance cases for 3490 individuals given emergency financial assistance. Deployed approximately 359 disaster workers to affected region.
- 5 Emergency Response Vehicles (or ERVs) deployed to assist bulk distribution and feeding operations. Currently has shelters operational or on standby capacity is 1225. The Indianapolis Red Cross shelter is currently sheltering 8.

Salvation Army

- 2 Teams of 3 People each and 2 Field Size Mobile Feeding Units with the capacity of 4000 hot meals/day deployed to Baton Rouge. Both canteens serving New Orleans and Slidell. Teams in Indiana being trained and prepped for deployment on a two week rotation.
- Six people are on the way to Biloxi and New Orleans
- Training a class of 40 to respond to Katrina

Friend Disaster Service

- State Liaison to State EOC Coordinating INVOAD information Liaison on Teleconferences.

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St. Vincent DePaul

- Society of St. Vincent DePaul is currently supplying furniture and some food to hurricane victims.

Emergency and Rescue Services Support (EARSS) (DAVVIS)

- The www.indianadisasterhelp.org (DAVVIS) has had approx. 50,000 hits since September 1, 2005.

Hope International Ministries

- Sent 7 semi loads of good south to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.
- Furnished 40 families with furniture, food, clothing, and household goods.
- Provided housing and furnished 2 families with cars.
On hold for 4 more semi loads going south and still serving the local refugees on a daily basis.

South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMCOR)

- Sending 2 teams to Gulfport - one on 9/20 and one on 9/25
- Methodist Churches are working with sister churches in the Katrina area.
- St. Lukes United Methodist Church is developing Long Term Recovery Teams
- 5 Warehouse distribution centers currently the four states of LA, MS, AL, and FL.

I-CART Indiana Crisis Assistance Response Team

- On-site psychological first aid support to Salvation Army and American Red Cross for shelter residents.
- Crisis counseling support to medical teams deployed to LA through HCRN.
- Team deploying today to Biloxi through national NOVA office to provide psychological first aid to Salvation Army shelter and FEMA DRC.

Covenant Cooperative Ministry (new member of INVOAD)

- 4 additional families provided household items and furniture needed by the families in their new homes.
- Added two additional community volunteers to help organize and staff the center.
- Collection and distribution of essential household items is on going.
- CCM continues to refer all new contacts first to Red Cross. CCM has not been successful in establishing a chain of communication between Red Cross and Salvation Army locally.
- CCM volunteers are organizing a family social event and social services day at the relief center next week so families may have one central point of contact to learn about community agencies. Community volunteers are taking the lead in this project with increasing interest from local churches.
- CCM is also recruiting volunteers to help with the shipping of relief supplies. Collection is on going for one week and shipment will follow.

Direct Support to Texas:

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Through the EMAC process, we have offered a Swift-Water Rescue/Law Enforcement Task Force should the State of Texas need our services. The team would be self-sufficient, much as the Task Force in Biloxi, MS. While the EMAC Broadcast Message for swift-water rescue personnel has been cancelled, our information is still in their hopper for potential future use. [No response to our offering has been received as of this time.](#)

NEXT REPORT DUE AT / AROUND: *September 26, 2005 – 1700*

Very respectfully,

Bob Demuth
Shift Supervisor

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