

# Situation Report

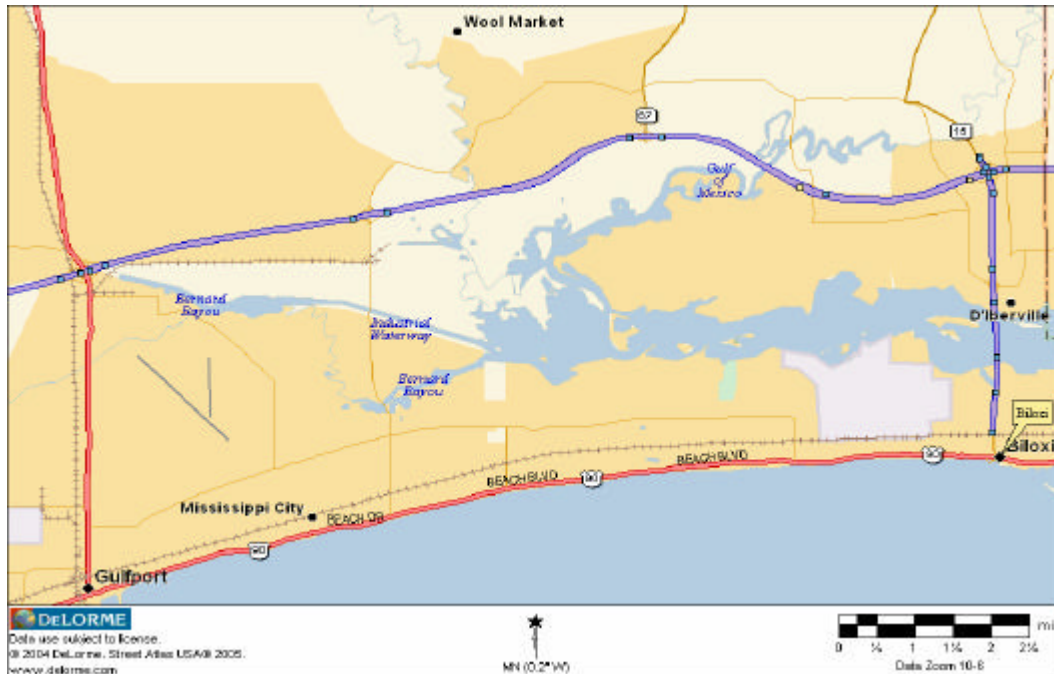
# *Katrina-17*  
*Rita-3*

**State of Indiana**  
*Operation Hoosier Relief*

September 26, 2005 - 1730

## Direct Support to Mississippi:





## Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force – Biloxi, MS

### *Situation Report for 9/24/05*

Sent: Sat 9/24/2005 2242 PM

### **SITUATION REPORT**

September 24, 2005

#### **WEATHER**

Today's high was 84 with a low of 79. Tomorrow's high will be 84 with a low of 76. A tornado watch has been issued for southern and eastern Arkansas, much of Louisiana and Mississippi, as well as coastal waters areas through Saturday until 2100hrs. A Flood Watch remains in effect for all of southeast Louisiana and southwest and coastal Mississippi tonight through Sunday. Wind Advisory has been extended until Sunday morning for southeast Louisiana and extreme southwest Mississippi this evening. Wind gusts up to 45 mph will be possible across extreme southwest Mississippi and areas south and west of Lake Pontchartrain. Winds are expected to slightly decrease to 20 to 25 mph by Sunday morning.

#### **ISSUES**

Hurricane Rita made landfall early this morning near the Texas-Louisiana state line and the resulting effects of the storm as it becomes a tropical depression is now being closely watched by DHS staff, especially with regard to the high winds and the potential for pop-up thunderstorms and tornadoes.

### **DHS-BRAD THATCHER/DARIN HOGGATT**

The weather was an issue all last night and today. A series of watches and warnings were issued throughout the day. The camp withstood a single wind gust of 72 mph recorded early this morning. Most of the camp occupants pitched in to secure the blowing tents and hold them down through the overnight storm. A wind advisory, tornado watch, and flood watch are still in effect for the area. Weather tomorrow has the possibility of being severe again so remind all staff members to be aware of the conditions. The hope is that the winds will continue to die down and allow for a more restful night. Darrin Hoggatt picked up a shipment of pharmaceuticals for the Biloxi Health Department which were obtained through the local FEMA supply network. Mary Moran created a newsletter of hurricane-related news stories to help keep the team members informed. This will be done on a daily basis. Brad also reported that the showers are open again tonight after being shut down due to the wind and the port-a-johns have been cleaned out, re-supplied and are in functional order.

### **DNR-CAPT. TERRY HYNDMAN**

By Monday, the totals for DNR personnel will be 27 conservation officers and 9 Sawyer Crew members due to individuals leaving for Indianapolis. Captain Hyndman reported that the night patrols assisting the local Mississippi Fish and Wildlife agency continued. Yesterday, Indiana DNR personnel came across a boat spray painted with yellow markings that identified it as being from a national boat salvage contractor. Captain Hyndman and his personnel believe that the markings are a ruse and that personnel not associated with the contractor are running a scam to steal boats in the area. Captain Hyndman reports that the Sawyer Crews are continuing to assist local residents in the huge task of debris removal and clean-up. He stated that the crews assisted an elderly lady who was using a chainsaw to clear debris on her residence. The DNR camp is not moving to Mobile, as was previously thought. It will, however, move, but will remain in the local area of Van Cleave. Replacement personnel are projected to come next week and due to the transitioning work loads to the local Mississippi personnel, the numbers are projected to be lower for our personnel. Additionally, in preparation for a few large clean-up operations, the Sawyer Crews need at least 10 more personnel for debris removal and clean-up. LTC Boucher was asked if he could provide some bodies to assist with the activities and he stated, barring any other missions, he should be able to provide the assistance.

### **ISP-MAJ. MISHLER**

Major Mishler reported that his personnel will be coming in on Thursday and his troopers will be departing early the next morning, while local police personnel who car-pooled down may begin departing once they are relieved. As an overview of most of the arrests and personnel that our Indiana officers are seeing, Maj. Mishler stated that alcohol and alcohol-related incidents are definitely on the rise. It is critical that all drivers from Camp Indiana and other Indiana staff be aware who may be on the roadways when moving personnel. Additionally, the following activities were reported:

*9/23/05*

### *Day Shift*

**Squad 1** - Assigned to Biloxi PD. F/Sgt. Campbell was Camp Indiana security from 0700 to 1300. Trps. Barnes and Hankins assisted other units with a reported riot at the Beau Ravage Casino, order was restored.

**Squad 3** - All units were on patrol with Biloxi PD.

**Squad 5** - Units worked security at a Salvation Army location from 0630 until 1145. Units paired with Biloxi PD from 1245 until 1930.

**Squad 7** - Worked crown control at a Salvation Army location in Biloxi. Notified Biloxi PD of a gas leak in the 200 block of Nickels street. Provided transportation to Salvation Army workers.

**Squad 9** - 3-911 calls. 3-Accidents worked. Assists to other officers. 3-Alarm runs. Patrolled district. Reported downed power lines. Transported prisoners. 1-Reckless driving arrest. Helped a stranded motorists. 1-Domestic dispute worked. 2-Disturbances worked. Patrolled with Biloxi PD.

**Squad 11** - Patrolled with Biloxi PD. Helped Homeland Security and Biloxi PD clear a house. Removed persons from a residential area. Helped secure tents at Camp Indiana.

**09/24/05**

### *Night Shift*

**Squad 2** - Patrolled with Biloxi PD. 2-Arrests for curfew violations, Marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession, and public intoxication. Assisted Biloxi PD with near riot at Beau Ravage Hotel. Employees were receiving paychecks.

**Squad 4** - Patrolled Long Beach MS. 7-DUI investigations. 1-Vehicle search, one gun located. 1-Domestic battery call, one party arrested. Assisted in securing various locations in and around Railroad Road.

**Squad 6** - 5-DUIs. Security at a warehouse (3 hours). 1-Battery complaint. (13 year old battered by Mother). Security at the Past Christian Relief Center (12 hours). 2-Domestic Battery complaints. 2-Warranty services. 2-Curfew violations. 2-Possession of Marijuana. 1-Theft report with attempt to locate suspect. Transported 1 male suspect for DUI. Security detail (2 hours). Several traffic stops for curfew violations.

**Squad 8** - Transportation detail from Biloxi PD to the Harrison County Jail. 1-Possible burglary investigation in a trailer park. 2-Impounded abandoned vehicles. 1-Motorists assist. 1-Domestic dispute. 1-Suspicious person. 1-Public Intoxication arrest. 1-Mental subject investigation. 3-Vehicle stops with arrests.

**Squad 10** - 30-Warnings issued. 2-Criminal arrest. 1-Traffic arrest. Assisted with

crowd control at Beau Ravage Casino for employee pay disbursements.

**MEDICAL- JENNIFER BUNCH**

Due to the fact that medical personnel were employed all night to help secure the tents during the storm, medical operations were cut back for today. Medical personnel operated the Fatima Clinic and were given time to conduct morale, welfare and recreation operations. Dr. Bunch reported that 51 individuals were seen today. 10 vaccinations were given and 492 pills were dispensed. Dr. Bunch is also making plans to consolidate the operations of the Presbyterian Church and the Church of Christ, operating at both location on a half day schedule. Liz Hibler is working with Michael Hurst (Indiana State Department of Health) to coordinate with local Mississippi health personnel on epidemiological needs in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

**MENTAL HEALTH-VICKIE TROUT**

The mental health section also conducted limited operations today for the same reasons as the medical section. Morale, welfare, and recreation activities were also conducted. A total of 6 contacts were reported.

**PIO-ANDY ZERKLE**

Andy Zerkle worked with Rod Russell and Angie Goldman to collect photos of Camp Indiana for reporting back to Pam Bright in Indianapolis. Andy also worked with local police to collect information on law enforcement related stories in the Biloxi area.

**GUARD-LTC. BOUCHER**

LTC. Boucher introduced his replacement, Maj. Bruce Millen and stated that he will be leaving Camp Indiana Monday morning and that Maj. Millen will provide any assistance that the camp may need. LTC. Boucher stated that he and SFC Tibbs will coordinate with Capt. Hyndman on the clean-up and debris removal operations tomorrow. LTC. Boucher also relayed that 22 personnel with the Guard component will be leaving (this number will include LTC. Boucher and SFC Tibbs) next week and 21 personnel will be coming in to replace them. The current number, 52 will be reduced to 51.

**INDOT-(Hoosier helper) TONY KEITH**

Tony Keith reported that Don Holder left today, but did so without getting a debriefing. Vickie Trout stated that she will work on getting him debriefed when he gets back to Indianapolis. The following activities were also reported: 4 abandoned vehicles. 1 overheated vehicle assist. 1 information call. 2 minor repairs. 1 welfare checks. 2 tire changes. 1 accident (personnel injury). 2 debris removals. A total of 392 miles were driven.

**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

***TOTAL STAFF-211***

IDHS-6

MENTAL HEALTH-10  
MISSISSIPPI-4  
MEDICAL-31  
INDOT-2  
PIOS-2  
LAW ENFORCEMENT-61  
DOC-4  
GUARD-55 (48 male, 7 female)  
MEDIA-0  
DNR COs-27  
SAWYERS-9

**MORALE**

Last night was an extremely rough night for the entire camp due to the severe weather. High winds, driving rain and periodic thunderstorms hit the camp causing several tent failures. One tent (occupied by LaPorte County Sheriff personnel) was completely lifted off the ground and thrown into two of the ISP cars. Personnel were up all night and had to hold their tents down on several occasions due to the severe wind gusts. The most serious wind gust occurred around 4:00 a.m. and was recorded by local weather radar at 71 mph. A few minor injuries were reported in the form of very minor rope burns, scrapes or abrasions to hand and legs. No serious injuries were reported. All of the IDHS personnel were up all night monitoring weather radar, securing the camp and looking to the needs of Task Force personnel. Showers operations were suspended due to the high winds and port-a-johns were not able to be serviced. Several port-a-johns were overturned in the storm. Task Force morale dropped noticeably as the long hours and all night storm fight took its toll. Major Mishler looked to the needs of the Law Enforcement personnel to ensure adequate rest plans were in place. The medical and mental health teams conducted very limited operations today and personnel were given time off to do laundry, make Wall Mart runs and catch up on missed sleep. An organized trip to a local movie theater did wonders to rejuvenate personnel and by dinner, morale throughout the camp was once again good. Personnel were praised for and are proud of their accomplishments and team work during the storm fight. IDHS personnel were put on a 3 hours on – 3 hours sleep, rest and recovery plan for the day to facilitate their rehab. All normal operations are scheduled to resume tomorrow.

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Sent: Sun 9/25/2005 2213 PM

**SITUATION REPORT**  
September 25, 2005

**WEATHER**

The high today was 86 with a low tonight of 80 with a 52% of thunderstorms this evening. Tomorrow’s high will be 87 with a low of 73 with a 30% chance of thunderstorms.

## **ISSUES**

LTC. Boucher had turned over his command to Major Millen. 21 National Guard soldiers will be departing at 0630 tomorrow morning.

## **DHS-BRAD THATCHER/DARIN HOGGATT**

Darin Hoggatt worked on preparing the transition information for his replacement, Tom Nowacki, who will be arriving tomorrow.

## **DNR-CAPT. TERRY HYNDMAN**

Capt. Hyndman thanked the Medical Staff for their visit to the DNR camp today. Capt. Hyndman met with the local Sheriff's Office and Incident Command and they related to him, that if he was not receiving cooperation from the local law enforcement officers, to notify them and they will resolve the issues. 2 sonar units were stolen from IN DNR boats at the DNR camp last night. Captain Hyndman will be meeting with the Chief of Security at the camp this evening and will be filing a police report. DNR worked with North Carolina Officers today. They will be working with these officers on a mission to try and recover 21 bodies that are reported to be in Hancock County. DNR Officers discovered a large debris field. Officers will be coming back tomorrow with K-9 units to search in. DNR will be moving to their new camp on Tuesday. Brad Thatcher asked that when DNR moves to their new camp, they provide directions to IDHS staff.

## **ISP-MAJ. MISHLER**

Major Mishler asked all staff members to be cognizant of security at certain sites (Red Cross-FEMA DRCs). He noted that people are getting very short tempered. One man brandished a handgun at one of the DRCs today. Vickie Trout suggested that law enforcement officers make a visit to the local DRCs on Pass road. Brad Thatcher mentioned that if team members witness illegal activities, please notify the law enforcement contingent. The DOC drivers will be issued ISP 800 mh radios.

The following activities were reported:

### ***Day Shift***

**Squad 1** - Assisted Biloxi PD. 2-Commissions damaged by storm winds

**Squad 3** - Assisted Biloxi PD.

**Squad 7** - Assigned to the Salvation Army detail. Assisted Biloxi PD. 4-Police services. 8-Warnings issued

**Squad 11** - Performed camp security. Removed possible looters from beach

### ***Night Shift***

**Squad 2** - Assisted Biloxi PD with patrols. Answered calls for service. 2-Arrests for

curfew violations. Responded to call of a man with a gun at the Red Cross camp, suspect was taken into custody.

**Squad 4** - 4-DUI arrests. 1-Marijuana /Meth/Crack arrest. 8-DUI investigations. Located clothing for an eight year old boy.

**Squad 6** - Assisted Harrison County PD. 1-Driving with out a license traffic stop. 9 - Curfew traffic stops. 1-Theft case, took report. 1-Ambulance run, intoxicated subject, self injury. 3-Traffic assists. 1-DUI at check point. Investigated information on a stabbing.. 2-DUI & domestics. 9-Traffic stops. 1-DUI arrest. Assisted with road block Took food and water to a home. Assisted in curfew arrest and public intoxication. 1-Accident worked. 1-Foot pursuit that resulted in an arrest for Marijuana possession. 1-Looter call. 1-Loud music complaint. 2-Checkpoint arrests

**Squad 10** - 5-Warnings issued. 7-Police services. 31-Warnings

#### **MEDICAL- JENNIFER BUNCH**

A Medical Team visited Yankee Stadium and made some good local connections. Dr. Bunch related that there was a local Vietnamese Pharmacist that is trying to reestablish his business and was having difficulty finding medicines. The Medical Team also made contact with a Vietnamese doctor who is working to establish a mobile clinic. Operation Hoosier Relief will be donating some of the overstocked medicines to assist in these efforts. A total of 119 individuals were treated. 226 vaccinations were given. 25 prescriptions were written. 2523 pills were dispensed. The clinics located at the Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church and the Church of Christ are all operating on half day schedules. The Fatima site continues to be an all day operation. A Medical Team will be operating a clinic at the W.I.C Center starting tomorrow. The Medical team is investigating potential sites for a future clinic at a local Baptist Church, which has mentioned the need for medical assistance in their area and a nearby Head Start Office.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH-VICKIE TROUT**

368 people were seen today. The closure of the local FEMA sites was an issue today. These offices were reopened at 8 a.m. this morning. The Mental Health teams are seeing numerous cases of depression.

#### **PIO-ANDY ZERKLE**

Andy Zerkle worked on two press releases today. The first is a State-wide press release that will focus on the Indiana law enforcement and conservation officer's activities. The second addressed the activities accomplished by Lawrence Police Officers. Andy continued to work on the informational take home sheet for team members who would like to contact their local media outlets. Brad Thatcher asked Andy to include information in this handout regarding the release of any pictures to the media. Brad Thatcher suggested a story be created that would inform the public of the amount of medicines that have been donated through Operation Hoosier Relief. Andy will pass this request on to Pam Bright, Public Information Officer for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

### **GUARD- MAJOR MILLEN**

The Guard Supported 8 missions today. Major Millen reported that there are currently 72 soldiers on the ground. 19 came in today. 21 soldiers will be departing tomorrow and 52 will be on ground as of tomorrow. The generator issues will be worked on this evening and tomorrow. Guard will be going to Camp Shelby tomorrow to procure repair parts for the generators and the fuel tanker. 2 soldiers per vehicle will be assisting the Hoosier Helper drivers tomorrow. Tomorrow the Guard will be working on the air conditioners in the Recreation tent. The Guard will be pulling the trucks that were used as windbreaks back into the compound this evening.

### **INDOT-(Hoosier helper) DON HOLDER**

The following activities were reported: 450 miles. 27 motorist assists. 2 abandoned vehicles were removed. 2 traffic control runs. 2 escorts. 1 gasoline refuel. 2 overheated vehicle repairs. 3 information assists. 7 tire changes. Several debris removals

### **DOC-PETRIE HAYES**

Visited some areas on the Westside that had not been visited yet. Petrie Hayes inquired if another contingent of drivers would be need. Brad Thatcher related that since another contingent of team members would be arriving, more drivers would be needed.

### **ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

#### ***TOTAL STAFF-231***

IDHS-6

MENTAL HEALTH-10

MISSISSIPPI-4

MEDICAL-31

INDOT-2

PIOS-2

LAW ENFORCEMENT-61

DOC-4

GUARD-72

MEDIA-0

DNR COs-27

SAWYERS-9

### **MORALE**

Morale in the camp remains high. The clinics were slow today, primarily due to the weather and the fact that today is Sunday. The weather seems to have curtailed law enforcement activities as well.

## **MDI Fuel Tanker Support – Camp Shelby, MS:**

# SITREP

**From:** Taylor, Keith H LTC NGIN [mailto:keith.taylor@in.ngb.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2005 11:55 AM  
**To:** DHS EOC - MDI; NGIN EOC  
**Cc:** Courtney, Marjorie K COL NGIN; Hill, Wayne L COL NGIN; Umbarger, R Martin MG NGIN  
**Subject:** RE: DHS Daily briefing meeting.

For situational awareness concerning DHS EOC planners - IN National Guard personnel supporting Hurricane Katrina are limited to 45 days at this time. The 113<sup>th</sup> Support Element supporting TF Hoosier will have to be mission complete around 7 October returning 8 October. Based upon TF Hoosier's mission extending beyond 7 Oct request coordination be made with MS Civil authorities to transition this support IAW other civil support being conducted in the area. JFHQ-IN does not have a request for National Guard forces to remain in MS beyond 7 Oct in Title 32 duty status. A request for support from IN DHS beyond 7 Oct would shift to State Active Duty (SAD) and this duty status changes many of the financial and medical benefits soldiers receive in Title 32. Request IN DHS planners consider the above constraints and provide LTC Taylor or COL Courtney alternative support options beyond 7 Oct NLT 30 Sep.

Thank You,

LTC Taylor  
J2/3/7

## **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 (*1<sup>st</sup> 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 departed for D'Iberville, MS Sunday morning with their precious cargo of fresh fruit and other commodities. We anticipate a full report upon their return.*

### ***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:**

### **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: 3085	Total with FEMA ID: 1644
Total Families: 2577	
Total Self Registrants: 283	***** Long Term Housing *****
Possible Duplicate Evacuees: 310	Total requesting long term housing:
***** By State of Origin *****	1122
Total Evacuees from Alabama: 16	Total families: 785
Total Evacuees from Louisiana : 2401	
Total Evacuees from Mississippi: 648	***** By Age *****
Total Evacuees from unknown state: 20	Total under 5 years of age: 171
***** FEMA *****	Total school age (between 5 and 18):
(18 years or older)	413
Total claiming to have registered with	Total college age (between 18 and 22):
FEMA: 374	143

Total from age 23 to 59: 804

Total 60 or older: 175

Total age unknown: 1379

## **Tab 5 to Attachment 9, Page 5-13**

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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**

- To date, IN211 Centers have responded to about 4,500 calls related to Hurricane Katrina through its eight IN211 Centers. More than 75% of those calls were handled by Information & Referral Network, the IN211 Center in Indianapolis.
- While most of the callers need request information about volunteering or donations, approximately 15% are from evacuees requesting assistance with basic needs.
- Some IN211 Centers have also recorded information from offers for available housing units for evacuees.
- IN211 Centers located in Indianapolis, Evansville, Ft. Wayne, Columbus, Terre Haute and Lafayette have participated in local efforts to coordinate services. Centers in Evansville and Ft. Wayne have helped coordinate "one-stop shop" service fairs for evacuees.
- The IN211 Center in Columbus sent a staff member to work in the 2-1-1 Center in Monroe, LA. (FYI: 2-1-1 Centers throughout the country have sent staff to
- 2-1-1 Centers in Jackson, MS; Baton Rouge and Monroe, LA; and Austin and Houston, TX.)
- Because of their certification in crisis intervention, some IN211 Centers also answer calls through the national mental health line, 1-800-273-TALK.

### **Red Cross in Indiana**

- Opened 1342 assistance cases for 3490 individuals given emergency financial assistance. Deployed approximately 359 disaster workers to affected region.

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- 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 0.

### **The Salvation Army Indiana Division**

(Stats as of Friday June 23)

- Total Number of cases opened: 150 (as of 9/23/05)
- Total Number of Individuals Served: 415 (as of 9/23/05)
- Total amount in Financial Assistance Given: \$79020.00 (as of 9/23/05)
- On line basic food service training for canteen workers (very basic, proper food handling procedures and holding temperatures) in process of being finalized for roll out on Thursday.
  
- Two teams of 3 sent to southern Territory.
- Two Canteens still stationed in Louisiana.
- Two Teams of 3 just returned from duty.
- Two teams to be sent every two weeks.
- Recently one team has been sent from New Albany with a canteen to Arkansas for deployment in Louisiana for Hurricane Rita

### **Friend Disaster Service**

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

### **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](http://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.

### **North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMCOR)**

- Collecting flood buckets, health kits and other supplies for distribution.
- Developing teams to go into the damaged areas for clean up activities.
- Collecting money to be used by UMCOR in our church wide relief efforts.

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### **South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMCOR)**

- Sent team to Gulfport 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.

Tom Burton : Chaplains

- I have been deployed to New Orleans by the International Conference of Chaplains Disaster Team, to work with New Orleans PD, FEMA, and ARC. The International Conference of Police Chaplains Disaster supplied logistical communications.

## **Direct Support to Texas:**

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 27, 2005 – 1700***

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Very respectfully,

*Bob Demuth*  
Shift Supervisor

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