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Situation Report

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State of Indiana
Operation Hoosier Relief

September 28, 2005 - 1730

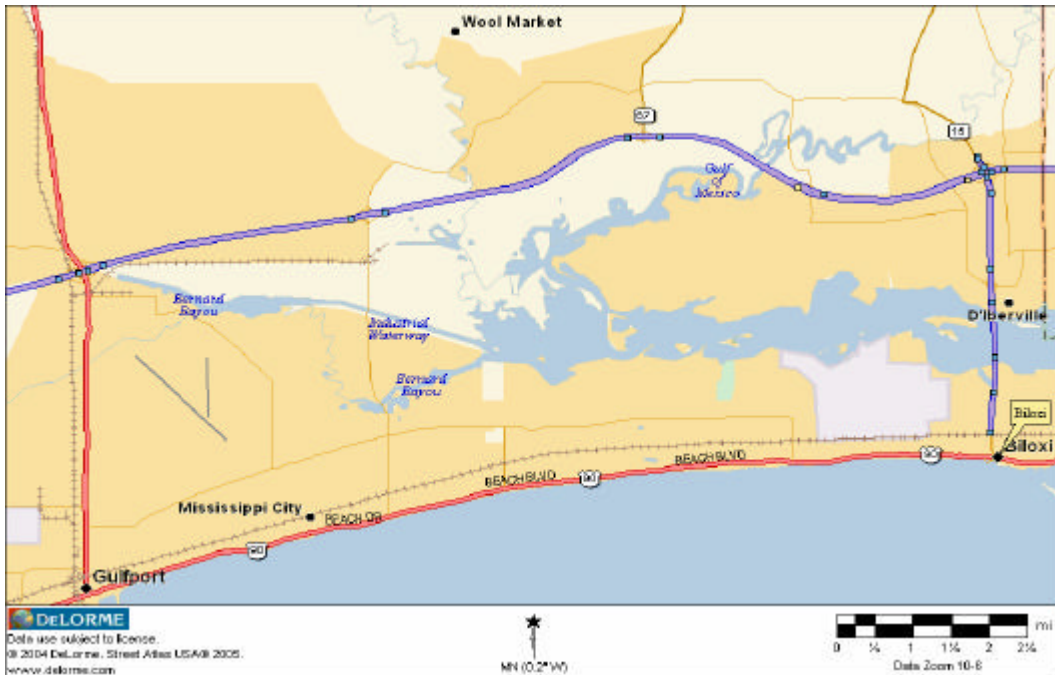
Direct Support to Mississippi:



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NOTE: We are in receipt of EMAC REQ-A Form (mission # 602) requesting an extension to the deployment of Law Enforcement Officers under EMAC REQ-A # 90 (the Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force) until the 17th of October. We have yet to reply utilizing Part II.

Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force – Biloxi, MS

Situation Report for 9/2705

Sent: Tues 9/27/2005 2258 PM

SITUATION REPORT

September 27, 2005

WEATHER

Today was clear and sunny with a high of 93 and low tonight of 72 with 49% humidity. The heat index was 100. Tomorrow will be partly cloudy with a high of 89 and a low of 73. There is no chance of rain until Saturday which has a 20% chance.

ISSUES

At 0700 tomorrow, the generator for the MCC will be taken down for maintenance. This should not take longer than 30-40 minutes. If any staff needs to use the internet please come either before or after this time.

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DHS-BRAD THATCHER/TOM NOWACKI

Brad Thatcher inquired whether a tent would be available for the temporary influx of staff arriving tonight and tomorrow. Major Millen is trying to acquire a tent from Gulfport and will coordinate with Brad on this issue. Major Millen believes there are a sufficient number of cots for all the arriving staff members. Brad Thatcher requested that the staff residing in the transition tents move their belongings out before the teams leave for their missions tomorrow. Tom Nowacki inquired as to whether the Medical teams had an adequate supply of medicines. As of this time no further supplies are needed. Tom is still working on the needle re-supply issue. Vickie Trout announced that we will have to find another outlet for the bio-waste disposal that her team had been dropping off at the Gulfport Hospital. Tom will begin to address this tomorrow. IDHS's Executive Director Eric Dietz, Division Director Phil Roberts, and PIO Pam Bright will be visiting on Thursday, September 29, 2005. Brad Thatcher would like Major Millin to accompany him in the 16 passenger van to pick up the visitors from the Gulfport Airport at 0900. They will be taken on a tour of the damaged areas and the temporary clinics. Brad asked that Vickie Trout and Dr. Jennifer Bunch coordinate on a time that they are both available to meet with the visitors. The party will be arriving at 0930 and departing at 1500. Ken Woodall visited some of the clinics today and was very impressed with the work that was being done at these sites. Brad and Ken also visited the W.I.C Center and found that the staff at this clinic was concerned about security issues. Brad requested that two additional Guard members be assigned to this site to assist with security and to distribute water to the individuals that are waiting in line to be seen. This would bring the total guard number to 4 at this site. Brad would like to have a final camp get-together on Thursday evening to say thank you to the members who have participated in this contingent's deployment. A local jazz band has agreed to give a free concert for this event. The Guard will also be providing grills for a cookout as well. Brad requested that the clinics be closed an hour early so that all team members can be back at camp by 1630. Brad related to Major Millins that he will need the Tahoe tomorrow so the grills can be picked up.

DNR-CAPT. TERRY HYNDMAN

Captain Hyndman confirmed that the DNR camp has been moved. The new location is off State Road 57 in the town of Van cleave. The entrance to the camp is across from the cemetery. 3 boats from the Rhode Island Search and Rescue K-9 Unit accompanied the DNR Officers today to assist in the search at the debris field. Captain Hyndman confirmed that he would still like to have 20 Guard members to accompany the Sawyer crew tomorrow.

PIO-ANDY ZIRKEL

Andy wrote a press release today that highlighted the activities of the DNR officers from Lafayette. Andy is also trying to coordinate another meeting between Dr. Dietz and the Mayor of Biloxi. However, at this point it appears as though the Mayor may have prior commitments. A press release that was specifically targeted for the Biloxi area was distributed by Andy today to the local media. This release gave an update on the status and locations of the clinics that are being staffed by the Operation Hoosier Relief team

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members. Andy will also be giving an interview with the local ABC affiliate about this information as well. Andy is coordinating information for the transition with the DNR PIO.

ISP-MAJ. MISHLER

Major Mishler will be transferring his command to Major Tom Melville on Thursday morning. One of the St. Joseph officers was in a crash last night. The officer was not injured and returned to duty this morning. Another officer sought medical attention for what was believed to be food poisoning. This officer has also returned to duty. First Lady Laura Bush visited the Biloxi area today. The Law Enforcement contingent assisted the Biloxi Police Department in providing security. Major Mishler inquired as to whether anyone has addressed the rat infestation that is likely to occur as a result of the massive amount of debris scattered throughout the area. Vickie Trout mentioned that a Kentucky Health Department Official has been making local visits and has been giving out information on this topic.

The following activities were reported:

3-Assisted with Salvation Army security

1-Assisted with Secret Service detail

3-Camp Indiana Security

1-Involved in a personal injury crash

1-Assisted with a burning house call

14-Police services

3-Criminal arrests

3-Slim-jim auto unlock services

1-Domestic call

37-Traffic warnings issued

2-911 hang up calls

3-Traffic stops for DUI

3-Administrative duties

2-Curfew

5-Arrests

14-Traffic stops

1-Opening burning complaint

3-Requests for service

2-Marijuana arrests

MEDICAL- JENNIFER BUNCH

A total of 251 individuals were treated. 266 vaccinations were given. 73 prescriptions were filled. 9,740 pills were dispensed. Dr. Bunch spent part of today trying to locate the Tran Pharmacist, but was not successful. Dr. Bunch also visited the Yankee Stadium site today and was informed that there has been a fairly large outbreak of an unidentified rash. A Red Cross epidemiologist has been notified and will be investigating the issue. There is a need to re-canvas the Little Saigon Area. Dr. Bunch would like to potentially do a half day clinic at this site. The WIC site was very busy today and found another

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Church near the Memorial Hospital in Gulfport that would like the team to visit for two or three days. Dr. Bunch will be working on this issue tomorrow. There is also a significant area for outreach near this site. Dr. Bunch will be meeting with the Pastor of the Church of Christ to discuss the phase out of the clinic located there. The clinic at the Presbyterian Church will be closing either tomorrow or Thursday. The Fatima clinic is still seeing a large number of individuals. Liz Hibler did some Epidemiology work today. The predominant illnesses are of a chronic nature. There are also a large number of upper respiratory infections. Liz has some recommendations that she will share with the Medical staff and Brad Thatcher.

MENTAL HEALTH-VICKIE TROUT

The Mental Health team will be phasing out their work at the Gulfport Hospital. The staff at the two FEMA DRC's, that the Mental Health Teams have been visiting, have become dependant on their services. Vickie Trout is working with the County Mental Health services to coordinate some long term assistance for these individuals. Vickie is working with the local fire departments and Gulfport City employees to establish some potential future missions for the next contingent. The Mental Health Team will be visiting at the DNR camp tomorrow to conduct debriefing sessions. A total of 350 individuals were seen today. This number includes 4x as many one to one contacts and referrals as last Friday.

GUARD- MAJOR MILLEN

Major Millen reported that all missions went well today. A total of 8 missions were conducted today. 15 Guard members accompanied the Sawyers Crew today and this number will increase to 20 tomorrow. The Guard may have a potential mission on Thursday with the Law Enforcement Contingent. Majors Millen and Mishler will coordinate on this mission. The Guard conducted a mission today to the International Guard Base to coordinate with the new contractor that will be taking over the food service on Friday. They are trying to add more variety to the menu. The Guard will be moving the time of the morning showers back to 0500 to help alleviated some of the congestion. The Guard also conducted a mission to acquire parts for the improvement of the women's shower. The Guard has completed repairs on the second generator so there is another generator available if needed. Major Millen asked that if there are any spills around the mess area, please notify the Mess staff so it can be clean up expeditiously to deter flies. Major Millen also asked that staff members pick up after themselves in the showers.

INDOT-(Hoosier helper) TONY KEITH

Tony mentioned that people are still getting contaminated fuel from local gas stations.

The following activities were reported:

476 total miles driven

8 abandoned vehicles were removed

4 traffic control runs

2 escorts

1 overheated vehicle repair

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4 information assists
7 welfare checks
7 tire changes
7 debris removals

DOC-PETRIE HAYES

Street teams visited the clinics today. Petrie mentioned that the teams went to the clinics. Because security concerns are becoming a more important issue teams need to ensure that they are using safe practices.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

TOTAL STAFF-206

IDHS-6
MENTAL HEALTH-10
MEDICAL-31
INDOT-2
PIOS-2
LAW ENFORCEMENT-63
DOC-4
GUARD-52
MEDIA-0
DNR COs-27
SAWYERS-9

MORALE

Task Force members are visibly more tired. Several minor personnel issues surfaced today within the medical and mental health teams. Complaints were addressed regarding the length of time of the deployment, camp rules and some other minor issues. As the transition draws closer, task force members are beginning to anticipate going home.

MDI Fuel Tanker Support – Camp Shelby, MS:

SITREP

No Situation Report from the Tanker Task Force today.

Local Government, Direct Support to Louisiana:

Law Enforcement Agency Support – Jefferson Parrish

Hendricks County Sheriff – 11 officers (*returned 9/17*)

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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 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:

- *No Update from Volunteer Organizations today.*

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 29, 2005 – 1700*

Very respectfully,

Bob Demuth
Shift Supervisor