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# **Situation Report**

# *Katrina-23*  
*Rita-9*

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

October 4, 2005 - 1730

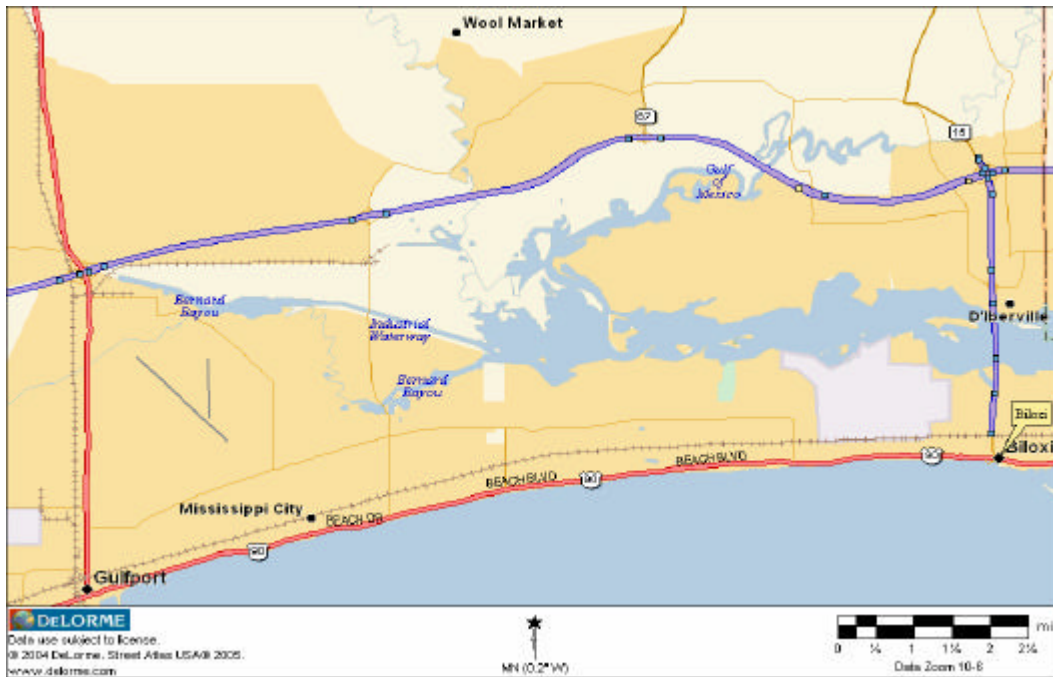
### **Direct Support to Mississippi:**



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***NO NEW REQ-A Forms received during this reporting period.***

**Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force – Biloxi, MS**

***Situation Report for 10/3/05***

**Sent:** Mon 10/3/2005 2155 PM

**SITUATION REPORT**

October 3, 2005

Report by Amy Lindsey, IDHS

**WEATHER**

Coastal flood watch in effect until Tuesday evening.

**ISSUES**

A lot of comments about how great Indiana has been and how personable our people are. Perkins is proud of our group and told them it's people like us who get the job done.

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### **DHS Ken Woodall:**

New port-a-pots are now back on base. Calls from Unified Command and Jackson Co. EOC wanting to know our exit dates. One transportation vehicle will be in the shop tomorrow to fix a broken air conditioner.

### **Medical Liaison- Tom Nowacki**

Biloxi Regional will take our sharps containers (full) when we depart. They filled 2 oxygen tanks for us today. Dr. Whitney advised Tom to get any Glucophage he can from other contacts to assist Harrison county diabetics.

### **Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)- Dean Jenkins**

High tides forced DNR to cut back to 2 boats from 8. Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties had our DNR staff in them today. Two contractors were going through wallets at Louis and Reed Sts. Gulfport PD was notified. Contractors were working out of Phillips and Jordan Inc. out of North Carolina. James Gulbreth, supervisor for contract company, terminated those employees on the spot. Yacht Club at Port Authority had people arrested for stealing copper. Drunk driver on I-10. man with gun at Pearlington Distribution center in Gulfport had a man with a gun. DNR helped out with this call. Gator in tidal pool at Beach Front Road. Will work on removing it in the next day or so. Dispensed water and Gatorade to local homeowners. Tomorrow will have all boats back out. Regular crimes are coming back. DNR will be able to escort Camp Indiana staff on Tuesday and Wednesday on water ways.

### **Public Information Officer (PIO)- John Salb (As reported by John Salb)**

Today I started contacting the smaller media outlets and letting them know that individuals from their communities were working at "Camp Indiana" as part of Hurricane Katrina relief. The outlets were given a contact number where the workers could be reached. I received a request for a photo of Dr. Whitney at her work station from radio station WLZQ, located in Warsaw. The photo will be used on the station's website. Jerry Snook of Metro Networks contacted me. I did a radio interview with him. I contacted the Sun Herald about the photos of our mental health workers and the Governors wife. The photo editor was very busy and asked if I could call him tomorrow morning. Jackson County Sheriff's Dept was gracious enough to allow me to catch a helicopter flight with their deputies.

### **ISP- Major Thomas Melville:**

#### **HURRICANE RELIEF DETAIL ACTIVITY LOG THIRD ROUND**

*10-02-2005 (07:00) TO 10-03-2005 (07:00)*

2 - PD Accidents, 1 - PI Accidents, 2 - Alcohol Arrests, 5 - Burglary, 3 - Residential Burglary, 5 - Criminal Arrests, 8 - Domestic, 5 - Looting, 50 - Police Services, 4 - Reports, 8 - Ride Along, 2 - Camp Security, 2 - Salvation Army Security, 1 - Pharmacy Security, 6 - Traffic Arrests, 1 - Vehicle Theft, 18 - Warnings, 1 - Traffic Warnings, 4 - Beach Patrol, 2 - Minor Incident Report, 2 - Resisters, 1 - Trash, 1 - Assist Salvation Army with Ice, 1 - Suicidal Person, 2 - Alarm, 1 - Lockout, 1 - pursuit.

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### **MEDICAL-**

*Administration-*Tanya Williams (ISDH):

Total patients= 234. Of those, 230 received treatment; 101 received tetanus shots; 49 prescriptions were written; 3378 pills dispensed [30% over-the-counter/ 70% prescription]. Environmental health specialist went out with bus crew today to discuss areas contaminated. ISDH ordered diabetes and hypertension medications as requested by Camp Indiana staff. Visited area near Bay St. Louis with affluent homes and no security. Met others from medical groups across the country (NV, TN, KS) and shared feelings that there is little to no coordination of medical groups in the counties/state. Pockets of groups needing help, not so much large groups any more. Tanya feels coordination would benefit MS the most, rather than more medical staff. Plans are needed to continue medical care. Tanya spoke with Michael Hurst regarding this issue. Hurst told her to call state epidemiologist who will get contact state incident commander Jim Craig who will help facilitate coordination process. Medical missions are not coming to us from either state or local EOCs; we are having to seek out missions and, according to proper incident command protocols, we should only be completing missions being given to us from local or state EOCs. However, if we would have waited for missions to be given to us, we'd have sat around for a month due to poor coordination between MS agencies. There will be a tri-county coordination meeting of medical staff on Thursday. *Clinical-* Marilyn Whitney (Kosciusko County): Visited Good Deeds shelter and visited local residents. Residents requested prescription refills and will return tomorrow. National Guard will accompany medical personnel in street missions. Little Flower clinic in Gulfport opens tomorrow. Medical staff are enthusiastic about it. WIC center was slow this afternoon so staff went to streets for missions. WIC is now a morning-only clinic. A lady on the street with blood on her was treated by not only Dr. Whitney, but several local and nationwide responders. Lady had mental issues. ISP advised if any field staff feel uncomfortable while in the streets, all they have to do is call the MCC and we'll send a police officer out immediately.

### **MENTAL HEALTH-** Drew Klatte:

Total of 910 persons seen today.

Meeting with Red Cross, Woody, Dr. Whitney, D. Perkins regarding mental health issues at shelters. Indiana will help put together a mobile clinic and visit the shelters once Red Cross provides a letter officially requesting our help that will be provided to all shelters. Drew had a meeting with MS EMA and Kansas FRT regarding 3-county needs assessment. Drew will send federal mental health team to Jackson County for missions. Will meet with Drew had a meeting with MS Dept. of Mental Health regarding our departure and how we can help them prepare for the transition. 3 of our mental health people at Red Cross shelters where vouchers are being passed out. Also had a person at Gulfport Memorial. GM has developed an internal counseling program for their employees. Suzanne- Attended meeting with Harrison County School System. Met with Gulf Coast Mental Health Clinic to begin establishing school counseling program. Met with Lt. from Pass Christian PD who took her around to the schools. Suzanne has concerns about ways responders may be coping with disaster (alcohol). This is a common problem in disaster situations. Responders will not ask for help from counselors (deny their needs) but will share stories with those who aren't mental health counselors (such as our law enforcement or medical staff or children's health

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counselors). Suzanne is bringing local mental health counselors with her to help establish relationships that will continue after Indiana departs. Major Melville mentioned it is safe for local responders to ride with our personnel because the local responders know we're going to disappear and their secrets/stresses won't be repeated to their coworkers. Requests for psychiatric commitments to mental health facilities are being laughed at right now due to no judges and no space at local clinics. Several teams of people have said that if it weren't for the states pitching in, people would've been out of food and water for a week. Locals would like to know if an adopt-a-state would be possible. Perkins advised it is being done between Indiana and Mississippi right now.

### **GUARD- Maj. Bruce Millen:**

Please do not wear flip flops in the mess hall. For your own safety, bare feet will not be permitted in the mess area. USO visited the camp today. The TF Hoosier National Guard Support Element conducted 4 missions today. They were able to consolidate transportation missions due to decreased demand. Driver's training is ongoing to prepare for movement home. Some soldiers changed a flat tire for an old lady in a restaurant parking lot. MAJ Millen discussed issues regarding check point access to I-90 with MAJ Tom Melville. 5 National Guard troops will accompany DNR on their missions tomorrow. The USO visited Camp Indiana today and distributed cookies and care packages. They have a mission tomorrow to coordinate all soldiers medical blood draw at CRTC Gulfport.

### **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS Petri Hayes:**

Slow day today. Dealing with vehicle repairs (air conditioner). Visited all sites and all seemed well with each field group. Captain McCannon will take over reporting duties for Hayes.

## **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/Jay 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 (*2<sup>nd</sup> rotation home; 3<sup>rd</sup> rotation departing on 10/9*)

### EMS Support – New Orleans

LaGrange County/Noble County – 4 ALS Paramedics and 2 ambulances

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*(Still in Louisiana, estimated return date is +/- Sep 30)*

### **Local Government, Direct Support to Mississippi:**

#### ***Adopt-a-Town:***

LaGrange County has adopted the City of D'Iberville, MS. The first team to visit Mississippi returned to LaGrange County last night. A report on their activities will be included when received.

Carmel, IN (Hamilton County) has adopted Long Beach, MS. Carmel PD has donated 8 recently retired police cruisers to Long Beach PD to replace those lost in Hurricane Katrina. Parish-to-Parish adoptions are also taking place within the religious community. Additionally, Carmel VFW Post 10003 donated some much-needed cash to its counterpart VFW Post 3937.

#### ***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 report received 10/4**

### **Direct Support to Texas:**

No direct support as of this time.

**NEXT REPORT DUE AT / AROUND: *October 5, 2005 – 1700***

Very respectfully,

*Bob Demuth*  
Shift Supervisor

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