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# **Situation Report**

# Katrina -3

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

**September 7, 2005 - 1730**

### **SITUATION:**

*NOTE: There is a change to the normal format for the Situation Report. It will be purely chronological in nature with the newest information AT THE END.*

The State EOC has been activated since Thursday, 9/1, in support of the deployment of Task Force Indiana to the State of Mississippi in response to response and recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina; and in support of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

### **September 3, 2005:**

At approximately 1215, Task Force Indiana departed Stout Field enroute to its staging area in DeSoto County, Mississippi. They arrived without significant incident at/about 2130, 9/3.

The EOC staff was processing paperwork through the EMAC in an effort to roll the self-deployed Law Enforcement teams from several Indiana Counties under the auspices of EMAC which will extend police powers, workman's compensation protection, and repayment of costs. The following counties were ACCEPTED 9/4 by the State of Louisiana: Carroll, Grant, Hendricks, Morgan, Putnam, and Wabash.

Mississippi cut off EMAC requests for Law Enforcement support Saturday, 9/3 at or about 2000. We had not received any requests for support from the State of Mississippi up to that point. *As a result, none of the Law Enforcement teams that self-deployed to Mississippi will be eligible for EMAC reimbursement.*

### **September 4, 2005:**

The REQ-A Form (EMAC Request for Assistance Form) for Delaware County's Law Enforcement Team in Louisiana was submitted to the State EOC in Baton Rouge. As of 9/5, 1814, it is still pending. We received word late this afternoon that Louisiana is putting all REQ-As for Law Enforcement on hold for 5-7 days pending rotation needs assessment on the part of local law enforcement officials. This could adversely affect the outcome of this request.

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A conference call reference reception of Louisiana evacuees was held 1530. The gist of the call was to get everyone together and to get a handle on how (and from whom) we're getting the information, and an estimate of how many evacuees we might expect. Indiana advised FEMA that we could potentially house 3,000 evacuees.

**September 5, 2005:**

At 1207, Dave Perkins called to advise that the advance party of Task Force Indiana had arrived in Gulfport, Mississippi. The remainder of the team will be streaming in as they complete refueling, etc.

At 1457, we received word that the Team had been diverted to Biloxi, Mississippi. For now, this is Ground Zero.

At this time there are no outstanding taskings from Mississippi for Task Force Indiana and there are no outstanding taskings through the State EOC here in Indianapolis

At 1500, a second conference call was conducted concerning the evacuee situation. We will determine from participating agencies the availability of temporary housing to support the anticipated 3,000 people. There are several issues. Most shelter managers have been deployed to the states affected by the hurricane. Most of the larger shelters are in schools and churches. With schools in-session, a large amount of capacity has been removed from the inventory.

Twice-daily meetings will be held in the EOC starting Tuesday, 9/6. Participants from agencies with folks in Task Force Indiana and those agencies working the evacuee issue will be in attendance.

**September 6, 2005:**

***Report from Operation Hoosier Response Task Force  
(as of 1000 local time)***

Base Camp reporting that DNR Air Boat/car had minor motor vehicle accident. No injuries - Will be dealt with.

60-Day Mission:

**Law Enforcement :**

*DNR Law Enforcement/Conservation Officers –*

6 units working 2-shift operations (3 units per shift) from 0700-midnight.

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2 officers with the local coroner

2 officers with forestry personnel.

*Indiana State Police –*

Working with Mississippi Highway Patrol

### **Mental Health:**

2 personnel at County EOC

### **Public Health:**

MOST at Central Junior High School (shelter). Remainder held in reserve at Base Camp.

### **National Guard:**

Doing recon for new Base Camp location. Must move in a few days to make room for construction workers to come in and set up.

### **Miscellaneous :**

Biloxi is NOT getting resources. There is a need for Doctors – may request additional doctors for Biloxi once needs are understood

Ground transportation problems. Need to set up supply channel between Base Camp and Indiana. Fuel is very scarce (2,000 gallons of gas – 1,000 gallons of diesel with team)

MCC utilized by ISP for Communications to maintain command/control with deployed teams (works to I-10).

The State of Louisiana has agreed to consider the REQ-A Form for the ALS unit from LaGrange County. We are in the process of gathering cost data and team composition so that Part II of the REQ-A can be completed and returned to Louisiana for consideration and (hopefully) approval.

EOC staff supported Task Force request for pharmaceutical resupply. CDC will be releasing Stockpile and team will be resupplied from that.

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Due to Tropical Depression forming off coast of Florida, State of Mississippi requesting team composition and contact numbers in event that warning of Task Force is required. To be sent to Jackson NLT 1745, 9/6.

Teams have been established to design reception and housing plans for evacuees arriving from southern states.

The following state agencies have been requested to “man” their EOC positions during normal business hours: National Guard, DNR, ISP, Department of Health, Red Cross, Fire Marshal, and Housing & Community Development.

FSSA assisting with documentation of resources outbound to Mississippi and cataloging donations for potential use.

### **September 7, 2005:**

Processed REQ-A Form, Part II, for the LaGrange/Noble County 4-man ALS Paramedic Team w/2 ambulances. Form was faxed to Louisiana at 1525. We are awaiting acceptance.

A tabulation of volunteers in specific professions (e.g. – health, law enforcement, EMT, etc.) is not available at this time, but should be ready for

Today, the FSSA Operators processed 53 calls concerning availability (providing) housing for evacuees. This will provide rooms for approximately 331 persons.

FEMA continues to draw assets from Indiana without prior coordination. Isn't this in direct contrast with NIMS?

Still attempting to process REQ-A Form for Henry County Law Enforcement team that self-deployed to Louisiana. We are having trouble getting the proper “individual” paperwork from the team members. We are continuing to walk them through the process. When completed forms for each individual are received in the EOC, the paperwork will be sent to Louisiana for final processing.

### ***Report from Operation Hoosier Response Task Force (as of 1400, 9/7 local time)***

No significant change in mission activity. The 18 firefighters that initially deployed received no mission assignments and with coordination through Mississippi authorities probably would NOT be receiving any missions. As a result, they were released from the team and have returned to Indiana.

### ***DAVVIS Activity Report:***

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Total "hits" since 8/31 = 8,340

"Hits" today = 4,853

**September 8, 2005:**

***Report from Operation Hoosier Response Task Force  
(as of 1700, 9/8 local time)***

The Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force filed a request for re-supply of administrative items and additional vehicles. That support issue is being worked.

More missions are being received, which has necessitated the request for more vehicles and drivers. The Hoosier Helper van w/Arrow Board was requested due to number of vehicles experiencing maintenance difficulties on the highway due to debris.

The team will be moving to the Naval Air Station, Gulfport within the next 24-hours (or as teams return from the field and each component can travel to new location intact.

The EOC processed 119 calls from individuals/groups making housing available for evacuees from Hurricane-ravaged areas. A detailed listing, along with a listing of volunteers to provide follow-on staffing of the Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force is attached to the 'cover' e-mail.

Also attached to the 'cover' e-mail is a report from Indiana 2-1-1 delineating the processing of calls into the 2-1-1 system. It should be noted that this is very early in the 2-1-1 process.

A third series of attachments to the 'cover' e-mail delineate the current support effort for processing evacuees. They include an Indiana Fact Sheet package, an Airport Reception Plan, and an Evacuee Flowchart.

To update the entry for ***Monday, September 5***, the Law Enforcement Team from Grant County and the City of Marion departed for Slidell, LA under the auspices of EMAC.

Due to an administrative error on the part of IDHS staff in the EOC, the Law Enforcement Team from Hendricks team is getting a late start on their deployment to Jefferson Parrish, LA. Our apologies to Sheriff Quearry and the members of his team. Good luck and God speed.

**NEXT REPORT DUE AT / AROUND: *September 9, 2005 – 1800***

Very respectfully,

*Bob Demuth*  
Shift Supervisor

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