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**Situation Report**

# **Katrina-5**

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

**September 9, 2005 - 1730**

**Direct Support to Mississippi:**

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

*Situation Report for 9/8/05*

**Sent:** Thu 9/8/2005 11:26 PM

**MEDICAL:**

One of the medical nurses (Dee Owens) had to leave today due to her employer setting up a meeting in Baton Rouge for her. Indiana State Police will be transported her to Baton Rouge. She will not be returning

**INJURIES:**

We had 3 team members that had to see the nurses. 2 (Indiana team) were treated for work injuries (splinter, spider bites) and one from a Florida team whose base camp is next to ours, for a swollen sore throat.

**OTHER:**

3 new ATVs arrived at 10:30am. Training classes were conducted by DNR for the National Guard and IDHS.

**Time: 13:27**

**Date: 9/8/2005**

**Incident #: 12**

**MEDICAL Assistance at Keesler AFB**

**Initials: AL**

**Harrison Co., MS**

***Hurricane Katrina***

**Action** **Y**                      **Deaths: 8 possible**                      **Injuries: See report**                      **Evacuations: 0**

**Remarks** Amy Lindsey spoke with medical group out at Keesler AFB. They would like the medical supplies requested on Tuesday. Amy assured them she would check on the status of the supplies (followed up with Manuela Johnson- E. Dietz is in meeting with Eli Lilly to have supplies air lifted to base camp. Manuela will follow up when she knows anything). Amy toured

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Back Bay of Biloxi where dozens of boats were stuck due to draw bridge being out of power and not able to raise the bridge. Bridge was likely heavily damaged by hurricane (bridge may be blown up soon to get the boats out). People "stuck" (unwilling to leave) on their boats were requesting Hepatitis A vaccines due to possible detection of Hep A in bay. Also requested FEMA forms for fellow boaters and information/limitations on FEMA debit cards (Information was relayed to Manuela at IDHS EOC- FEMA only giving cards to those with no access to bank accounts. Those with access will get reimbursements once they fill out proper forms at FEMA Assistance Centers. Amy requested English versions of the forms that could be printed [unavailable on the FEMA website] and handed to the boaters with delivery of the forms to the Assistance Center done by a local resident and was assured the FEMA representative at the IDHS EOC would email the forms. A problem with the boaters is that many of them don't speak English very well- French is a common language in Vietnam where the majority of the boaters seem to be from (if the forms can be printed in French, that would be most helpful, however, we'll take what we can get). While on recon., medical personnel requested food and water for persons stuck on boats including 2 pregnant women { 1 is Vietnamese and 5 months pregnant with twins; the other is 2 months pregnant and lives on a boat with 3 other adults and 8 children- nicknamed the "floating daycare" } (fresh fruit, vegetables, bananas, apples, milk, powered milk). As Amy was leaving the AFB, powered milk had been delivered to the base and the medical group was going to take it to the pregnant lady later in the afternoon. Initial knowledge of only 1 pregnant woman (5 months lady) led us to gather food, clothing, and water for her along with some toys and personal hygiene products. Will work on getting clothing essential needs to other boaters including the "floating daycare". There's a strong possibility that 2 boats with a total of 8 people has sunk in the harbour, but Miami, FL DHS will be taking that mission as soon as the protective gear arrives.

**Follow Up:** DNR Law Enf. and/or Conservation Officers, in addition to the medical group stationed at Keesler, will need to run supplies to boaters and continually check on them. As soon as medical supplies come in, they will need to vaccinate boaters for Hep. A.

### Daily Reports From Indiana Groups

**Roger Goldman DNR Conservation**- Officer Sheutter gave Guard and Incident Command personnel a safety class on operating new ATVs purchased by Dave Perkins on 9/7/05.

Escorted medical personnel to boat with pregnant lady in Back Bay of Biloxi. Amy Lindsey from DHS attended along with David MacAnally from Ch. 13 WTHR in Indianapolis. Woman requested fresh fruits and vegetables and a request was made by other boaters for Hepatitis A shots (request for vaccines was sent to Indiana DHS EOC on Tuesday and we're awaiting delivery of supplies). A request was also made for FEMA Disaster Assistance forms (paper copies) so shrimpers could fill them out and the forms could be dropped off at the Ocean Springs Assistance Center by one of the shrimpers (other shrimpers refused to leave boats due to minor looting issues and the fact that their entire lives are encompassed in their boats). Hancock County boat searched new areas not yet searched (Gordon River and Lacroix Bayou). Found 30-30 rifle and 50 cal. muzzle loader in tall grasses. Gave guns to MS Marine Patrol personnel.

Escorted Dr. Green with International Rescue to Bay St. Louis area in search of dead bodies. Ran several boats out of Bay St. Louis to prevent looting. Boats possibly coming into Bay due to false report in local papers that waterway was open.

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Missions in Jackson County, MS- 3 DNR boats, 2 ISP boats, 4 ATVs running resupplies to 30 local persons requesting food and water. Currently patrolling tributaries north of I-10. Major problem with looters- ran 3 people off.

**Drew Daily DNR Forestry**- Missions: 10 Forestry personnel plus 2 Conservation Officers worked in D'Iberville area. Felled, cut, and cleared 157 trees in northeast subdivision area. Trees primarily long-leaf pines 20"-28" diameter (big trees). 3 personnel assigned to assist MS Marine Patrol retrieving boats blocked in by power lines and downed trees with no access to Bay. Trees and power lines removed- access granted and boats now free. Conservation Officer assigned to DNR Forestry unit made 19 personal and well-being checks with individuals who had no transportation or communication. Food and ice delivered to individuals in need. Coloring books, stickers and other effects delivered to local kids. Forestry personnel made contact with 24 persons assisted by Conservation Officers to provide personal needs. Crew moral very high, physical condition great; heat a factor given heavy clothing required for operations.

**Joe Hilt Medical Group**- Missions: supporting DNR Conservation Officers on boat missions to Vietnamese pregnant lady and others stuck in Back Bay. Lady is in good health and did not need to be evacuated from current location. Provided food, clothing, water, and toys for her. Follow-up mission for powdered milk.

Boat adjacent to pregnant woman housed 3 Vietnamese males- youngest male needed meds for stomach issues, but otherwise health was consistent with environment (allergies). No acute distress. Middle aged male needed eye drops. Elderly male complained of cough. Assessed by 2 nurses and physician. Possibility of Tuberculosis. Need to follow up on reportable disease with local health department.

Above encounters are typical of all other encounters of the day. Roughly 50 patients on multiple boats with basic medical needs: eye drops, allergies, cough meds, headache, mild dehydration, and the like.

Also encountered Georgia National Guard 151<sup>st</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> member with heat stroke. Soldier was being attended by additional medics from the Guard. Guard asked for assistance from nurses who then assessed patient with acute heat stroke. Gloria Moshaugh, R.N. Emergency Room took command of situation and started IV fluids, packed soldier with ice, placed in refrigerated truck, and recommended transfer by ambulance to treatment facility. Reports from team leader say she was fabulous!

Resupply of teams was necessary to extend afternoon missions.

**Drew Klatte Mental Health**- Supported 3 missions today- Biloxi Hosp.- 6 patients; Harrison Co. Public Works- 17 patients; Gulfport Mem. Hosp. 7 patients.

*No reports from National Guard or ISP. Will be updated tomorrow.*

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***NOTE: At 1622, we received a call from the task force advising us that the Mobile Command Center and base camp had been evacuated due to a ruptured gas line approximately 250 feet from the trailer. Task force commander will be calling back with further information.***

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

2,300 Troops with 20 Fuel Tankers for fuel distribution missions.

The Department of Defense has approved Title 32 activation of National Guard response for Hurricane Katrina. The states and EMAC are awaiting guidance from the National Guard Bureau regarding the implications of this authority for the states and EMAC.

Resupply Mission for The task force will depart Indianapolis tomorrow. Included in the mission are 3 15-passenger vans, administrative supplies, Medical supplies, ten 8000BTU air conditioning units for the base camp, one 30KW generator (being provided by Cummins Diesel – Kenner, LA). Two Hoosier Helper vans w/Arrow Boards will be departing for Base Camp on Sunday.

A “Hay Train” for Mississippi is being coordinated between Dr. Marsh and Jack Haefling.

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

#### **Law Enforcement Agency Support – New Orleans**

Hendricks County Sheriff – 11 officers  
Carroll County Sheriff – 7 officers  
Wabash County Sheriff – 1 officer  
Henry County Sheriff – 19 officers  
Putnam County Sheriff – 21 officers  
Madison County Sheriff – 21 officers  
Delaware County Sheriff – 11 officers  
Morgan County Sheriff – 3 officers  
Marion PD – 8 officers

#### **EMS Support – New Orleans**

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

### **Volunteer Support to Mississippi or Louisiana:**

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### American Red Cross –

35 chapters reporting 721 cases involving 2091 individuals served as of 0900 this morning. “Rumor Control” handled 284 cases.

### Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives –

60 calls related to individuals or organizations offering housing for displaced persons.

### INVOAD (Indiana Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) –

The data received from INVOAD was so voluminous as to be inundating. We are working together to get a concise product that is more manageable and within our grasp. It should be ready for the Monday, 9/12, report.

The following is provided as interim report for INVOAD:

HCRN and the INVOAD have been working directly with the State of Louisiana and Alabama providing medical and security personnel at this time.

We are serving two medical shelters 1) Alexandria. Team Alex has 9 doctors and 21 RN's on a rotating schedule for the next 4 weeks. 2) Team Thivodaux has 8 Docs and 37 nurses. They also will be on rotation for 4 weeks. All shifts are 12 on 12 off. We have provided 59 security personnel to assist in a minor role coordinated with local and state law enforcement. HCRN has partnered with People Helping People to provide additional personnel to Slidell LA in the form of medical, law enforcement and humanitarian aid. A warehouse is being open 9-16-05 to serve that area as well as establishing a base camp for volunteer personnel. A total of 25 personnel were deployed. Semi of goods went to Slidell. An additional 7 semis went Baton Rouge to the warehouse provided to UMCOR.

Currently we have 1 volunteer working in the Pit in Louisiana and 1 medical coordinator as well as 1 Security coordinator.

INVOAD is assisting with volunteers and the resources requested to fill their multi-state warehouse that will serve AL. and MS. We have sent 6 semi's with request donations as well. 65 volunteer have been deployed to Mobile at their request as well to help with medical, warehousing and damage assessments. Total personnel committed to date 463. We are working directly with each state gathering their request for volunteers.

We will then match the volunteer to the request. Currently we are only filling the immediate needs such as medical and security. As we move into the relief phase we will make over 2500 volunteers available to the south in a well coordinated effort among our 27 agencies. Our INVOAD agencies have been doing an incredible job and must have been working around the clock. I want to commend the fine work that the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and 211 have been doing as well as our other agencies.

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

Very respectfully,

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