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Situation Report

Katrina-6

State of Indiana *Operation Hoosier Relief*

September 11, 2005 - 1730

Direct Support to Mississippi:

Operation Hoosier Relief Task Force – Biloxi, MS

Situation Report for 9/9/05

Sent: Sat 9/10/2005 12:56 AM

SITREP 9/9/05

ISSUES:

- MCC had to evacuate due to ruptured gas lines about 40' from the command vehicle. Evacuation lasted approximately 3 hours until vehicle could be moved to northwest side of arena rather than the southeast side where we had been located since arriving Monday.
- Awaiting medical supplies and other effects from IDHS
- Awaiting water for showers for 400 persons

DAILY REPORTS:

Indiana Conservation Officers, ISP Officers, IDNR Forestry (Drew Daily)

Conservation Officers, along with ISP units, searched an island for victims of Katrina. Debris from one to two homes was located on the island from the air (no homes were on the island before Katrina) and we were asked to search for victims. There were some personal items found (pictures, trophies, etc) and our officers are going to try and locate the people and give the items to them. Officers also talked to the Air Base Law Enforcement about some of their concerns about looters coming off the water at night and going into the homes along the shore – we may do some night patrols.

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Conservation Officers also patrolled Pearl River area. This is an area that had not been searched until today and no victims were located. However, two boats returning to the area were stopped and turned away.

Medical teams were taken out to locate and look at some people in outlying communities.

Dr. Green with International Rescue was picked up and taken into the Dupont plant area to look for victims in the saw grass– none located.

Conservation Officers, along with the Mississippi Marine Patrol, stopped numerous boats for unauthorized use and checked several crab pots while patrolling the shorelines. Conservation Officers assisted several people in locating personal property.

IDNR Forestry cut 98 trees in D'Iverville and made a number of well-being checks. The day started by cutting a very dangerous tree leaning across a major highway. The Forestry crew had another good day cutting and felling trees.

Forestry and Conservation Officers had another interview with Channel 13 news and felt it went very well.

Two Conservation Officers contacted the Jackson County Sheriff and had him go with them to interview suspects in a boat theft. One subject had given the Conservation Officers false information claiming he was in fact his twin brother. He was arrested by the Sheriff's Department.

Conservation Officers gave food, water, socks, under clothes and flashlights to people in need.

Two of the ISP water patrol units were pulled off the water today to guard a bank. It was a pretty good detail– one of the ISP units even got a birthday cake from the bank employees.

Two Conservation Officers received 3 reports of suspected looting in the Moss Point ramp area. One of the complainants said they could identify one of the looters. The officers are going to contact the Jackson County Sheriff tomorrow and locate the suspect. Medical assistance was given to a lady and her two little boys in need of medications. Officers were able to reach the doctor and arrange to get her to the pharmacy. Officers took another report of looting from an individual and an eyewitness to the looting in another area of the river. This team of two boats and four officers made 127 security checks and distributed food and water to numerous others.

Continuous compliments about the Indiana Conservation Officers and their hard work from locals and team leaders.

South Bend Memorial (Steve Garrison)

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Mission continued today at the Baptist Church on Pass Road where staff attended 100 patients yesterday and 74 patients today. Majority of cases have been skin rashes similar to poison ivy, however, a few respiratory patients have been seen. Volunteers of America donated one 40' trailer full of medical supplies yesterday and another matching trailer today. Other aid organizations have given South Bend group additional medical supplies. (side note- 100-400 Tetanus shots will be arriving soon from Indiana-Medics have reported a great need for these).

Leader of the church is going to announce the free medical assistance on the radio tomorrow (Sat. 9/10) so Garrison will be needing additional nurses from the other medical group with Indiana (under command of Joe Hilt). 2 nurses and possibly 1-2 doctors will be provided by Joe.

A local construction worker fell from a roof near the Baptist church today and Steve was asked to take him to the hospital. Proper policy is to call 911 and they would arrange transport so Steve advised onlookers to do this.

National Guard (Col. Boucher)

Spent the day setting up new base camp after temporary relocation to Naval Base yesterday. Boucher will be working on resupplies for Indiana group. Guard can feed some hot meals soon and will be working with civilian contract group (CAT 5 out of Arizona is our neighbor and has contracted chefs for meals) to cook and prepare meals.

Boucher would like to begin sending soldiers with DNR to perform missions for real-world experience. Will begin planning for that tomorrow and sending soldiers out in a couple days. Will also be working with CAT 5 on setting up hot showers.

ISP (Monte McKee)

Began policing operation with Biloxi PD. Shifts are scheduled for 12 hour rotations at 7a and 7p. First shift began today at 10am. Second shift began at 7pm and is expected to remain in 12 hour rotation shifts. Day shift consists of 21 officers and same for night shift. No arrests.

Operations plan established with Biloxi PD for ISP patrols to provide general police service in northern half of city defined by 10 patrol areas. Completed rotation schedule. Assisted Biloxi PD with several calls for service.

The following officers will be here on Sunday September 11 – September 25, 2005
Phil Bruner, Andy Crozier, Mick Rutherford, and Deland Szczepanski.

On September 16, 2005 the second rotation will be here and ready to start work at 08:00 AM. They will work with our group until sometime in the afternoon or evening. The first group will depart and head for home the evening of the 16th or morning of the 17th. The following is a list of the officers known to be in the second rotation group:

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Tom Lahay, Brian Knoy, Angie Goldman, Mark Farmer, Mac Spainhour, Bill Beville, Nathan Berry, Jerry Jackson, Neil Brewington, Joh Karris, John Karris, Brian Kaser, Pete Slaven, Clayton Webb, Ron Johnson, Dave Dugan, Tom Koester, John Gano, Terri Arlandson, Brian Holtguist, Lyle Enyeart, Mike Gregg, Terry Hyndman OIC, Tom Torsell, Andy Beck, Andy Wuestefeld, Steve Haines

Medical Group (Joe Hilt)

Worked missions at public works and church. Is working on locating remainder of push pack from SNS.

Situation Report for 9/10/05

Sent: Sat 9/10/2005 10:56 PM

SITREP 9/10/05

ISSUES:

- New base camp is up and running
- 2 Hoosier Helper vehicles coming to Biloxi to help keep any broken Hoosier Relief vehicles running.
- Received email from Region 5 FEMA rep. Lee Traeger regarding FEMA assistance registration forms. He is still trying to get the forms from the regional office.
- Awaiting medical supplies and other effects from IDHS- ETA Sunday 9/11 10:30am at Gulfport Regional Airport on Cummins Engine plane
- Nurse Heidi Emme from St. Vincent's broke her foot today tripping over a tent pole. She would like to stay on the mission, but D. Perkins will be sending her home. She will be returning to Indianapolis on the Cummins plane tomorrow morning.
- See the following link for an aerial view of our base camp- we are in the top right corner of the image in a parking lot of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center (right side of image is north). ~>
<http://ngs.woc.noaa.gov/storms/katrina/24333396.jpg>
- Showers are in service as of 8:30pm-AMEN!
- In regards to personnel brushing teeth and spitting it out on the base camp (as well as with chewing tobacco), Perkins has requested personnel brush teeth outside base camp grounds to maintain cleanliness.
- Cell phone bills may become an issue, as personnel are calling base camp for rides and mission status.
- Pizza party for all members with 80 pizzas, 200 buffalo wings, cold pop, fresh ice, chips, and pretzles paid for by the Indiana Nurses' Association. Many thanks to Peggy Welch for having the picnic sponsored. The picnic was a big morale booster and brought together all members of the operation, including the military. DNR members were unable to attend due to being stationed near their work area in D'Iberville.

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DAILY REPORTS:

**Indiana Conservation Officers, ISP Boat Officers,
IDNR Forestry (Jerry Presnell)**

It was another hot sunny day in southern Mississippi and the activity is picking up every day. It is hard to tell if there is more to be done or if the officers are just learning more about the area and it's needs.

We started today with two shifts in order to get some boats on the water during the evening and overnight hours. We have had complaints of looting after dark; Mississippi Marine Patrol and the Jackson County Sheriff have asked if we can help. I will try to send two reports- one on the day shift activity (sent the same evening) and another on the night shift activity (sent the next morning).

Indiana Conservation Officers stopped a john boat with three Vietnamese men and a 10-year-old boy in it. When the men in the boat saw the officers they started throwing items out of the boat and our officers sped up and pulled them over. The boat was out during closure of the waterways and had no life preservers on board. One of our Conservation Officers saw them trying to hide something under the carpet in the boat and discovered a false floor with over 200 blue crabs and a number of undersized flounder (note they also had a crab pot in the boat without a commercial license). This great case was turned over to the Mississippi Marine Patrol Officer who charged the men with the violations. These same Conservation Officers stopped 12 other boats in the closed waterways and sent them back to port, did 28 welfare checks, and handed out MREs while patrolling 49 miles of the Pascagoula River.

One of the large airboats had a crack in the muffler and had to be taken off and welded. After it was fixed it went down with a stopped up fuel filter.

A medical team from West Virginia was riding with the Mississippi Marine Patrol and advised that someone could be dead inside a sailboat has contacted us. They advised that a strong odor was coming from the boat and Mississippi does not have a boat capable to get in the shallow water. Conservation Officers are going to check it out tomorrow morning by airboat with a reprehensive from the West Virginia team.

One boat captained by a Mississippi Marine Patrol Officer with two Conservation Officers put 108 miles on the water today and patrolled areas that have not been touched since Katrina hit the coast. They started with Ship Island (15 miles from the coast) and then went to Cat Island. Ended up going up the Jordan River checking on some people that were very happy to see them.

ISP Water Patrol secured a site at the Lorraine Bridge, over the industrial canal, while the Navy and Canadian Divers assessed for contamination. They are looking at how to recover two boats and possibly some bodies.

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IDNR Forestry helped repair one of the airboats in the morning and worked on their saws and equipment. Cut a number of trees. Forestry went with the Conservation Officers on a waterway that needed opened up and it was felt they could cut trees and brush to open it up.

Two individuals (James and Mark) that asked if we would help and try to locate their sailboat approached one of our Conservation Officer boats. Our officers told them they would be glad to and loaded them in the boat and did a search for the boat. After the search the individuals said that their father was an Indiana State Senator (Vic Heinhold). The officers found out when one of the two called their father on the cell phone and ask our officer to talk to him. Senator Heinold thanked our officers for the work they were doing!

South Bend Memorial (Steve Garrison)

Staff gave 166 Tetanus shots and treated 104 persons at Baptist church on Pass Road. Skin rashes are continuing as are some respiratory illnesses related to allergens (including mold). Patients are also being treated for infections, wounds, and diabetes-related conditions. 50 medicine refills were also distributed. Searching for large cylinder of compressed air to blow up medical tent and respirator machines.

National Guard (Col. Boucher)

Base camp is up and running. Shower tents installed today and showers are running! Command tent also set up. Hot supper was served (some communication errors occurred between DHS and Guard with dinner arrangements- we had too much food!). 2 hot meals a day will be served along with a sack lunch. Will working on lighting for base camp tomorrow. Showers open from 6-10am and from 6-10pm.

ISP (Ed Schroder)

Provided medical assistance to 3 residents near Woolmarket. No arrests made, however, assisted in apprehension of 2 looters in Eagle's Point area. 2 troopers medical attention for respiratory difficulties (they're ok). Divers and boat operators were scheduled to assist Navy divers salvaging boats in Back Bay area, but mission was cancelled due to EPA not allowing divers into water (possible Hepatitis A and Ecoli contamination). Communications patch between ISP and Biloxi PD completed.

Medical Group (Joe Hilt)

Mental Health- Visted 2 shelters and saw 2 people. Debriefing fire local departments. Will station people at Gulfport and Public Works tomorrow. Are also working on debriefing ISP.

Medical-Have requested air conditioners for outdoor units and need electrician to help install. Going to assess 2 clinics in Bay St. Louis over the next few days.

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NOTE: Following repair of the broken gas line Friday afternoon, the Base Camp was relocated to the other side of the Convention Center.

MDI Fuel Tanker Support – Camp Shelby, MS:

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

The states and EMAC are still awaiting guidance from the National Guard Bureau regarding the implications of Title 32 activation for the states and EMAC.

Re-Supply Efforts:

The re-supply of Operation Hoosier Relief was conducted in three parts. Phase 1 departed Saturday with three 15-passenger vans loaded with food, water, some medicines, etc. Phase two (two Hoosier Helper vans with Arrow-Boards) departed Indianapolis at approximately 0630 Sunday morning. Phase three (a Cummins Engine Company arranged aircraft departed Indianapolis at/about 0830 with Director Dietz and Cliff Wojtalewicz and the remainder of the supplies (7 card tables w/chairs, more medications, etc.). The aircraft was due to return to Indianapolis with 2 other passengers, one of whom was a nurse injured (broken ankle) in Mississippi.

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 *(returned 9/9)*
Delaware County Sheriff – 11 officers *(returned 9/9)*
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:

American Red Cross –

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September 10, 2005 Red Cross Sit Rep

Submitted by Chris Gilbert - Red Cross 812/325-0035

As of Thursday September 8th the American Red Cross has sent 253 volunteers and staff to states in the affected region from Indiana. We are currently attempting to send 125 people per day for at least the next 4 days from our Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky service area.

The Red Cross is currently prepared to shelter up to 1225 in short term shelters in four different cities in the state should it be needed. The Red Cross shelter in Indianapolis currently has a population of 100.

As of 9 am Friday September 9th the Red Cross in Indiana has opened more than 800 family assistance cases to meet the emergency needs of evacuees already in the state that are living with friend or family. This number is expected to increase in the coming days.

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives –

9 calls related to individuals or organizations offering housing for displaced persons were received and processed over the weekend..

INVOAD (Indiana Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) –

No report for weekend activity was received from INVOAD.

NEXT REPORT DUE AT / AROUND: *September 12, 2005 – 1800*

Very respectfully,

Bob Demuth
Shift Supervisor

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