



Disaster Operations Summary Report

Disaster Operations Center

Hurricane Katrina Response Overview — Report # 1

Update as of 5:00 p.m. 08/25/2005

Pre-impact Summary

Katrina has been upgraded to a hurricane and is currently centered about 25 miles east-northeast of Fort Lauderdale, Florida with maximum sustained winds at 75 mph. It is moving slowly to the west at about 6 mph. The system has intensified to minimal hurricane strength just before an anticipated Florida landfall in the next few hours. Hurricane warnings are posted from Florida City to Vero Beach along Florida's east coast and for Lake Okeechobee. Tropical storm warnings have been dropped from the northwest Bahamas except for Berry and Bimini Islands. Tropical storm watches are posted across southwestern portions of Florida. The primary threat from Katrina is from heavy rainfall.

Red Cross Response and Activation:

Southeast Service Area (8) issued DR 863-06 TS Katrina 08/05 FL. A service area leadership team is in place in Birmingham, AL and they are located at the Regional Blood Center near the Service Area headquarters office.

Community Services

Service Area is staging **11** ERVs in Miami-Dade and Martin County. As of 4:30 EST, there are **24** shelters open with **334** people in Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. An additional **16** shelters are on standby.

Partner Services

The Florida state EOC is staffed with a Red Cross liaison.

Material Support Services

2,940 (980 each) clean up kits and **2,880** (960 each) comfort kits are being sent to Broward, West Palm Beach, and Martin County chapters. Supplies and equipment located in Austin, TX and Montgomery, AL are being shipped to the forward headquarters.

Organizational Support Services

Fundraising is working with the Service Area to deploy people to appropriate locations. Public Affairs has dispatched one RRT member to Ft. Lauderdale and a photographer will be sent to the state tomorrow.

Staff Services

The Service Area is not requesting any staff from outside their area at this point in time. A national Level V alert team is ready to deploy to the forward headquarters.

Response Center (1-866-GET-INFO)

If necessary, the remote network chapters are prepared to ramp up as follows:

Saturday: 5 Chapters with 50 call agent positions.

Sunday: 7 Chapters with 63 call agent positions.

These positions are in addition to our core group.