



Hurricane Katrina Response Overview — Report # 4

Update as of 11:00 a.m. 08/27/2005

Service Area Hurricane Shelter Counts as of 9:00 PM August 26, 2005	
# Chapters Reporting	3
# EOCs in Jurisdiction Activated	1
# EOCs with Red Cross Liaisons	1
# ARC Shelters/Evacuation Centers on Standby	1
# ARC Shelters/Evacuation Centers Currently Open	3
Current Population	252
Meals	3,884

**Shelter numbers fluctuate based on the location of the storm. As a storm leaves an area, shelters close except for a few that remain open to house those people who cannot return home.*

Impact Summary

Hurricane Katrina continues to strengthen with 115 mph winds while the pressure in the center continues to fall this morning via reports from the Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters flying into the storm. Hurricane Katrina is now a dangerous major hurricane, Category 3. Additional intensification is likely. The ultimate track of Katrina is problematic due to a number of factors so it is not clear where it will make landfall. Residents along the north-central Gulf coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the western Panhandle of Florida should all prepare right now for the potential of a destructive major hurricane sometime Monday. *Source: National Weather Service*

The governors of the states of Mississippi and Louisiana have declared a States of Emergency for their states.

There are a total of 870,100 customers still without power, with the majority of outages in the Miami-Dade area (534,700), Broward County (333,300) and Palm Beach County (2,100).

Source: Florida Power and Light

Red Cross Response and Activation:

Operations is formulating a flexible plan of response based on the various options for the second landfall of Katrina in the states of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and/or Louisiana. Material and human resources have been reallocated to Baton Rouge, LA and Montgomery, AL at forward headquarters. Level 5 teams are also being deployed to Baton Rouge and Montgomery.

Communication with the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and the Keys and Service Area 8 has been challenging due to power and phone outages. The Level 5 team has arrived South Florida and will be establishing relief operation headquarters in Miami today and will be able to provide more information later today as they arrive on site and assess the situation.