



Hurricane Katrina Response Overview — Report # 5

6:00 p.m. 08/27/2005

Service Area Hurricane			
Shelter Counts as of 9:00 AM August 27, 2005			
	Florida	Mississippi	Total
# Chapters Reporting	4	1	5
# EOCs in Jurisdiction Activated	0	0	0
# EOCs with Red Cross Liaisons	0	0	0
# ARC Shelters/Evacuation Centers on Standby*	17	4	21
# ARC Shelters/Evacuation Centers Currently Open*	3	0	3
Current Population*	237	0	237

*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

Now a powerful Category 3 storm, with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph, Hurricane Katrina has begun to make a deliberate, gradual turn to the west-northwest expected today. Based on this trend of turning toward the Gulf Coast, hurricane watches have now been hoisted from Morgan City, La., to the mouth of the Pearl River (the Louisiana/Mississippi border). This includes the city of New Orleans and Lake Pontchartrain. From this point on through landfall, Hurricane Katrina will continue to turn, first toward the west-northwest Saturday, then to the northwest on Sunday, then finally toward the north before landfall sometime Monday. While the precise landfall point remains uncertain at this early time, folks from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle need to make preparations at this time for a potential landfall. Hurricane Katrina is in a region of light wind shear, and is therefore anticipated to gather further strength, possibly reaching a strong Category 4 storm prior to landfall. Source: National Weather Service

The governors of the states of Mississippi and Louisiana have declared a States of Emergency for their states. Fifteen parishes in Louisiana have declared an emergency- two with voluntary evacuations, two with precautionary and four (St.Charles, Plaquemines, Lafourche and Jefferson) with mandatory evacuations.

In Florida, there are a total of 736,800 customers still without power in the Miami-Dade area (456,000) and Broward County (281,200). Source: Florida Power and Light

Red Cross Response and Activation:

Operations issued two additional DR numbers in preparation for the second landfall of Hurricane Katrina: DR 006-06 Hurricane Katrina 8/05 AL and DR 007-06 Hurricane Katrina 8/05 LA.

Service Area 8 Report (for Florida, Alabama and Mississippi):

- The state of Alabama will make State Highways 45 and 59 northbound and is opening shelters north of I-20. After landfall, chapters will open shelters below I-20.
- Shelters (above I-20) must open now, not tomorrow.
- In Mississippi, counties are opening shelters in inundation areas. The chapters will support only those chapters that are being opened in safe areas north of I-10.
- Mobile County, AL is opening five shelters and Baldwin County, AL is opening three shelters for which the Red Cross will provide post-landfall support
- Biloxi and Pascagoula will implement their COOPs tomorrow

- Local chapters in the coastal areas will not have large pre-landfall personnel requests; inland chapters will have personnel requests later
- Staff in northern Florida are being sent to Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana
- Staff resources are being sent to Montgomery, AL; some material resources have arrived there already. All heater meals that have arrived are for post-landfall, not for use in shelters
- Hand-held satellite phones are being sent to chapters today.
- In southern Florida, although there are many reports of trees down and power outages, there have not been many reports of flooding of homes. Disaster assessment teams are out surveying the areas in the Keys, Homestead and the Miami-Dade area.
- 36,000 to 40,000 heater meals, four supply trailers with clean-up kits and comfort kits have been sent to southern Florida

Service Area 4 Report (for Louisiana):

- When the State of Louisiana issues a contraflow order out of the New Orleans area, the mayor may also order a voluntary evacuation order later today
- St. Bernard Parish has ordered a mandatory evacuation and is implementing its COOP plan and there are three COOP areas north of Lake Pontchartrain
- The Superdome in New Orleans is being considered as a shelter of last resort
- The State of Louisiana has opened information points directing evacuees to Red Cross shelters and other safe locations
- All EOCs throughout the state have Red Cross representation; those in the storm area have representation by telephone
- Teams are moving to Orange County, TX, on the Louisiana border; additional teams will move to Baton Rouge, LA tomorrow
- Under their Catastrophic Plan, Louisiana is working with Homeland Security on a new concept, called Temporary Medical Operations (TMOPs) to deploy teams into the bayous and the lowlands in the New Orleans area after landfall to do a triage of the possible 100,000 injured and send the injured to northern Louisiana for treatment.
- Also under the Catastrophic Plan, the state is preparing for long-term housing in the northern part of the state (e.g., Monroe and Shreveport) for up to six months.
- The Service Area is setting up a four-pronged, east-west-north-south response with resources ready to respond to southern Louisiana from Alexandria and Baton Rouge, LA, and Orange County and Houston, TX
- Louisiana has Operation Brother's Keeper, in which the Red Cross in partnership with churches and other community organizations to identify people with cars who are evacuating who have room in their cars for other people who do not have cars.
- The Salvation Army is using Sheltering module of the Client Assistance Network (CAN) to identify available shelter beds
- The goal of the Service Area after landfall is to immediately transfer the DR headquarters to Baton Rouge, by Monday.

Community Services

- Actions taken in Southern Florida:
 - Opened a community kitchen to serve 20,000 meals, have a kitchen in Tallahassee and two Adventist kitchens plus catering in Broward
 - Delivered 36,000 heater meals to Miami
- In preparation for the second landfall of Katrina, took the following actions:
 - Identified sites for kitchens in Louisiana and have coordinated with the Southern Baptists to open fifteen kitchens that will serve 20,000 meals a day (total of 300,000). Also identified an additional ten sites and alerted the Southern Baptists to have kitchens ready to serve 20,000 meals per day at each site.
 - The Sysco and Henry's Kitchens will be sent to the area to respond
 - 275,000 heater meals have been sent to Montgomery, AL and an additional 220,000 have been sent to Baton Rouge
- Developing a request to the Federal government for MREs and logistical support at kitchens

Material Support Services

RTT: Accomplished the following:

- Three ECRVs assigned and five are on alert
- Sent two orders each of 65 laptops, six Global Star (satellite) phones, 80 cell phones, two VSAT (satellite) dishes, three deployable servers to both Baton Rouge, LA and Montgomery, AL
- Established email addresses for five DRs

Logistics: Accomplished the following:

- Four combination trailers (with clean-up and comfort kits) have been deployed to Southern Florida
- 37,000 heater meals have been deployed to southern Florida
- 228,000 heater meals have been deployed to Baton Rouge and
- 227,000 have been deployed to Montgomery, AL
- all 259 national ERVs have been requested and anticipate movement of 75% by noon Sunday
- 16 kitchen support trailers are moving to Baton Rouge, LA and Montgomery, AL
- 26 shelter trailers are moving to Baton Rouge, LA and Montgomery, AL

Partner Services

Government/Emergency Management Liaison

- **Alabama:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was fully activated today with a Red Cross Liaison present and will stand down tomorrow because the state does not feel that it will be impacted by the second landfall of Katrina.
- **Louisiana:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated today and is expected to be fully activated by 17:00 today. Red Cross Liaisons are present. Officials ordered a mandatory evacuation of New Orleans
- **Florida:** Florida's EOC remains fully activated with Red Cross Liaisons present.
- **Mississippi:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was fully activated today with Red Cross Liaisons present
- **Georgia:** EOC continues operating at Level I (monitoring). No Red Cross Liaisons requested at this time.
- **South Carolina:** EOC currently operating at Level 5 monitoring the hurricane track. No Red Cross Liaisons requested at this time.

Federal

- FEMA Region IV Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is fully staffed by Red Cross. FEMA Region VI Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) stood up today; ALL RRCCs are fully staffed with Red Cross ESF#6. Red Crossers support the Emergency Response Team- Advanced (ERT-A) teams in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Rapid Needs Assessment Teams (RNAT) ESF#6 have been deployed to Florida and to Mississippi.
- FEMA's National Response Coordination Center stood up this morning and is staffed with ESF #6.
- FEMA has requested a mass care expert to deploy with their Housing Task Force team deploying to Baton Rouge tomorrow...the Red Cross is working on filling the request.

VOAD

Collaborating with the following VOAD partners:

- Adventist Community Services
- America's Second Harvest
- American Radio Relay League (ARRL, National Association for Amateur Radio)
- Christian Disaster Response International
- Convoy of Hope
- Nazarene Disaster Response

- The Salvation Army
- Southern Baptist Convention (North American Mission Board)
- United Jewish Communities
- VOADs in the following states: Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Organizational Support Services

- Four RRT teams have been deployed to Gulf Coast states
- Provided family emergency communications plan tips for media dissemination

Staff Services

- Staffing has assigned three leadership teams: the southern FL team has arrived and is in place, the Montgomery, AL and Baton Rouge, LA teams are en route.
- Five hundred DSHR members are currently assigned to seven disaster relief operations for the response to Katrina. Of the five hundred:
 - In **southern Florida**, 200 were assigned through yesterday; 217 have arrived in Florida and the remainder arrive today (the difference in these numbers is due to local disaster volunteers who are DSHR members who have been assigned to this response)
 - In **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**, 58 were assigned through yesterday; 31 have arrived in Baton Rouge.
- The Staff Deployment Center is operating from 8:00 AM to midnight daily with ten local volunteers and nine NHQ staff supplementing the center's staff numbers.
- Staff Services posted the following on CrossNet:
 - orientations for DRs 863-06 and 871-06 are on CrossNet
 - a generic orientation
 - expectations for DSHR members
 - the pre-assignment health questionnaire

Response Center

Responded to 1518 calls under DR 863-06 TS Katrina 8/05 FL in the last 24 hours.