



**Hurricane Katrina-Rita Report #60**  
Update as of 11:00 AM EDT 09/24/2005

**Days left in the 2005 Hurricane Season: 67**

This is **Day 30** of DOC activation.

This report consists of important statistical information and facts from all major ongoing relief operations, and is posted daily whenever the Disaster Operations Center (DOC) is activated. Presently, the DOC is activated from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (EDT) until further notice.

## Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

<b>Hurricane Rita Shelter Counts as of 12:00 AM September 24, 2005</b>									
	Totals	AL	AR	FL	LA	MS	NM	OK	TX
# ARC Shelters/Evacuation Centers Currently Open	246	5	2	1	39	38	1	4	156
Current Population	73,963	250	299	50	8,700	1,523	22	129	62,990
Overnight Stays	95,470								
Meals To Date	80,436	na	354	5,085	na	na	na	68	74,839

<b>Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Operations Information at a Glance</b>			
Consolidated	Period		Total to Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	226		902
Overnight Stays in Shelters	44,332		2,448,912 <sup>1</sup>
Meals	818,336		13,767,898
Snacks	224,823		8,971,307
Cases	40,282		494,634 <sup>2</sup>
Workers			158,745 <sup>3</sup>
Health Services Contacts			194,712
Mental Health Contacts			368,494
Clean-up Kits			121,662
Comfort Kits			185,979
Transient Accommodations	297,749 clients	96,048 rooms <sup>4</sup>	958,943 room nights

<sup>1</sup> Overnight stays include the number of people in shelters X number of nights they have stayed in the shelters.

<sup>2</sup> Cases opened include those reported on Form 5266, Disaster Operations Control, through the Client Assistance System (CAS) and from Western Union.

<sup>3</sup> Workers include spontaneous volunteers, chapter volunteers who have never volunteered in Disaster Services, DSHR members and paid chapter and NHQ staff.

<sup>4</sup> As people enter the program through shelter closures, other people are departing because they are making the transition to longer-term housing.

## Hurricane Rita Update

- Hurricane Rita stormed into Texas and Louisiana at 2:30 AM CDT this morning, with winds of 120 MPH, sheets of rain and battering waves that flooded coastal communities, uprooted trees and tore apart numerous buildings. As of 10:00 AM CDT this morning, Rita was losing punch fast and is expected to produce torrential rains during the next few days. A **tropical storm warning** is in effect from High Island, TX to Morgan City, LA. At 10:00 AM CDT, the center of Hurricane Rita was located midway near Jasper, TX. Rita is moving toward the north near 12 mph and this motion is expected to continue for the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 75 mph with higher gusts. Rita is a Category One hurricane and weakening is forecast during the next 24 hours. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 35 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 140 miles. Rita's slow movement is expected to generate very heavy rains over the next few days, with rainfall totals of 10 to 15 inches possible across eastern Texas, western Louisiana and southern Arkansas. Maximum rainfall totals in excess of 25 inches may occur over localized areas. Rainfall amounts of 3 to 5 inches with isolated heavier amounts are possible over southeastern Louisiana including Metropolitan New Orleans. Isolated tornadoes are possible today and tonight over far eastern Texas, Louisiana, southern Arkansas and Mississippi.

*Source: National Weather Service*

- The mayor of Lake Charles, LA has declared a curfew in the city from 7:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

## Rita Impact

- Central Point Energy reports that as of 10:00 AM CDT, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 600,000 of their 1.9 million customers were without power, down from a peak of more than 700,000 at the height of the storm. Most of the damage was caused by intense wind, lightning, and flying debris caused by toppled trees and large branches falling on power lines. Entergy reports that a total of 333,150 of their customers were without electricity at 9:30 PM CDT last night. This includes customers still out due to Hurricane Katrina and more than 55,000 new outages due to Hurricane Rita.

*Source: Central Point Energy and Entergy*

## Red Cross Preparations for Rita

### DR 865-06 (Louisiana)

The following is an update on **Louisiana's "at risk" chapters and areas** (feeding operations have been secured and meals are being provided by local agreements and pre-positioned meals):

- The American Red Cross of Southwest Louisiana in Lake Charles, LA has evacuated the Convention Center and Barton Center shelters in Lake Charles to Monroe and other smaller locations along with shelter staff. The ERVs have moved north to assist those Red Cross shelters that are outside the storm surge risk area. The staff is buckling down at their COOP location in South Beauregard HS.
- The Acadiana Area Chapter in Lafayette has moved their operations to the EOC in Lafayette Parish. Shelters and staff evacuated to Alexandria and Shreveport shelters. Food is positioned to support chapter shelters in Opelousas area.
- The Southeast Louisiana Chapter in the Bayou Area at Houma is in constant contact with the Offices of Emergency Preparedness in their area. They have three shelters there and at this time there is no plan for evacuation. All kitchen, ERV and other staff in the area have been assigned to support shelter facilities and will be staying at that shelter facility. If an

evacuation were required at the last minute, the OEP has plans and arrangements to evacuate the shelter and move Red Cross staff to a safe location. All EOCs are covered.

- The Southeast Louisiana Chapter in the Metro Area at Jefferson Parish staff is in close contact with OEP and monitoring the situation closely. At this time, there are no plans to evacuate. Plans are in place by OEP and Red Cross if an evacuation were required to the North Shore. Once there, they would support Red Cross operations in that area.
- The Southeast Louisiana Chapter in St. Bernard Parish has evacuated to Covington and is supporting operations on the North Shore.

The following is an update on **Louisiana's up-state chapters**:

- Central Louisiana Chapter in Alexandria, Northwest Louisiana Chapter in Shreveport and Northeast Louisiana Chapter in Monroe have opened their capacity of shelters and are currently populating those facilities with evacuees.
- Additional staffing and material resources have been sent from the DRO HQ to up-state chapters to assist with sheltering and feeding.
- Additional staff have been identified at the DRO HQ to assist in the opening of additional shelters in the Baton Rouge area.
- Red Cross shelters are expected to be filled by late afternoon/early evening. Clients will be directed to proceed further north into Arkansas and other states according to state officials.

**DRO headquarters** plans for landfall and continuity of operations during the storm and subsequent passage:

- DRO headquarters at the Wal-Mart location in Baton Rouge will shut down at 6:00 PM CDT tonight and all staff will secure in their staff shelters/hotels. A small contingent of DRO leadership staff (OM, MSS/Log, PS/Gov Liaison, CLS/Health Services, COS/Sheltering and Feeding) will set up at the Capital Area Chapter in Baton Rouge and will operate there until storm passage and it is safe to operate at the Wal-Mart DRO headquarters. Contact numbers are available from the DOC. We will inform you when we return to normal operations at the Wal-Mart DRO HQ.

### **DR 871-06 (Montgomery, AL)**

- We will be focusing energies on feeding and sheltering in a safe environment. Our service centers will not be open, except for a few chapter exceptions. Our workers, especially those located south of Route 84 will be in safe structures or will be brought to Montgomery. Staff in Montgomery will not be deployed unless we need to support safe shelters. Staff remaining in Montgomery will do shifts of data entry into the Client Assistance System (CAS).
- One additional shelter opened today.
- All Client Assistance Centers were closed today due to Hurricane Rita and will remain so until it is safe for clients and workers to return.
- All kitchens are closed until Rita has passed.
- All route teams have been pulled.
- All distribution has ceased until it is safe to resume.
- All staff has been directed to return to their lodging and remain there until notified to return to work.

## **DR 307-06 (Mississippi Gulf Coast)**

- Because of Hurricane Rita and related tornado watches and flooding along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, DRO headquarters will be closing and operations will run from our lodgings for approximately the next 24-36 hours. We will be communicating by cell phone. I will assess weather conditions constantly and reopen as soon as it's safe. All staff and vehicles are grounded under further notice.

## **DSHR Staffing**

- To date, **18,623** DSHR workers have been assigned to the **44** operations related to Katrina; **1,755** of them have been released.
- Yesterday, **523** DSHR workers were assigned to operations.
- A total of **13,072** staff cards have been loaded.

## Katrina Statistics

<b>ALABAMA</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Shelters/evacuation centers	5	51
Shelter Population	250	5,421
Meals	4,965	527,636
Snacks	8,375	238,896
Fixed Feeding Sites	10	85
Mobile Feeding Units	6	52
Cases Opened	1,746	35,189
Mental Health Contacts	181	5,622
Health Services Contacts	817	12,228
Clean Up Kits Distributed		5,399
Comfort Kits Distributed	247	12,110
Red Cross Vehicles	18	41
Workers Given Orientation	117	8,039
Workers Given Training	267	4,083
Total Red Cross Workers	4,311	13,422

<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Shelters/evacuation centers	96	256
Shelter Population	16,815	57,465
Meals	139,138	4,591,203
Snacks	210,074	7,853,668
Fixed Feeding Sites	110	227
Mobile Feeding Units	102	139
Cases Opened	6,780	36,653
Mental Health Contacts		221
Health Services Contacts	7,068	141,120
Clean Up Kits Distributed		5,469
Comfort Kits Distributed	290	14,062
Red Cross Vehicles	122	124
Workers Given Orientation	134	4,425
Workers Given Training	18	535
Total Red Cross Workers	8,093	13,621

<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Shelters/evacuation centers	2	74
Shelter Population	62	5,969
Meals	450	848,035
Snacks	25	102,141
Fixed Feeding Sites	3	68
Mobile Feeding Units	2	17
Cases Opened	2,510	42,745
Mental Health Contacts	360	15,409
Health Services Contacts	532	18,901
Clean Up Kits Distributed	0	5,392
Comfort Kits Distributed	111	27,566
Red Cross Vehicles	26	264
Workers Given Orientation	46	9,129
Workers Given Training	106	12,454
Total Red Cross Workers	2,204	18,761

<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Shelters/evacuation centers	42	302
Shelter Population	2,329	55,410
Meals	88,005	4,932,399
Snacks	6,349	776,602
Fixed Feeding Sites	42	312
Mobile Feeding Units	77	281
Cases Opened	12,818	113,563
Mental Health Contacts	19,172	119,894
Health Services Contacts	6,456	117,854
Clean Up Kits Distributed	1,212	105,139
Comfort Kits Distributed	6,738	76,251
Red Cross Vehicles	97	199
Workers Given Orientation	64	557
Workers Given Training	67	308
Total Red Cross Workers	5,347	13,935

<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Shelters/evacuation centers	2	18
Shelter Population	182	8,381
Meals	2,789	356,155
Snacks		
Fixed Feeding Sites	3	20
Mobile Feeding Units		1
Cases Opened	650	39,556
Mental Health Contacts	128	3,215
Health Services Contacts	303	4,884
Clean Up Kits Distributed		8
Comfort Kits Distributed	37	2,404
Red Cross Vehicles	18	40
Workers Given Orientation	2	1,500
Workers Given Training		2,808
Total Red Cross Workers	641	9,888

<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Shelters/evacuation centers	45	133
Shelter Population	8,434	60,628
Meals		1,249,076
Snacks		
Fixed Feeding Sites		53
Mobile Feeding Units		5
Cases Opened		37,294
Mental Health Contacts		24,402
Health Services Contacts		36,862
Clean Up Kits Distributed		72
Comfort Kits Distributed		7,375
Red Cross Vehicles		104
Workers Given Orientation		8,298
Workers Given Training		17,513
Total Red Cross Workers		33,782

**49 states and Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia reporting  
18 reported shelters overnight / 27 have reported shelters since 8-25**

	Shelters Period	Shelters To Date	Pop Period	Pop To Date	Meals Period	Meals To Date	Snacks Period	Snacks To Date	Cases Period	Cases To Date
AK										40
AL	5	51	250	5,421	4,965	527,636	8,375	238,896	1,746	35,189
AR	8	11	518	1,478	100	52,942			55	4,716
AZ	1	1	94	651		27,414				1,060
CA	1	2	69	151	3,028	59,762			484	7,064
CO	1	1	412	438		590				1,967
CT					214	2,421			53	461
DC	1	2	97	274		30,658				2,970
DE										160
NoFL	2	19	62	1,680	450	174,885	25	102,141	2,510	40,348
SoFL		55		4,289		673,150				2,397
GA	2	18	182	8,381		356,155			650	39,556
IA						195			2	596
IL	1	1	39	47	552	8,234			135	4,566
ID									5	48
IN		3		146	2,316	8,272			23	1,814
KS						15,232			10	567
KY	1	2	36	146	750	11,823			28	2,199
LA	96	256	16,815	57,465	139,138	4,591,203	210,074	7,853,668	6,780	36,653
MA					163	546			14	939
MD						3,125				817
ME						65			4	139
MI		1		320		4,786				1,752
MN									131	706
MO	1	5	25	288	320	21,414			94	4,547
MS	42	302	2,329	55,410	88,005	4,932,399	6,349	776,602	12,818	113,563
MT										59
NC		2		1,041		36,893				4,743
ND									1	42
NE		1		166		65				570
NH						5,477				86
NM		1		86		3,136				467
NV						319				1,207
NJ					45	2136			22	910
NY					74	7,952			36	2,126
OH	1	5		30	43	9,431			76	2,566
OK	1	5	313	2,352		112,034				2,550
OR						11,959				437
PA					15	1013			48	1,595
PR						420			1	84
RI									31	242
SC		2		274	1,232	52,813			57	3,085
SD									5	107

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<b>TN</b>	8	19	422	2,852	1,910	87,595			401	15,757
<b>TX</b>	45	133	8,434	60,628		1,249,076				37,294
<b>UT</b>	1	1	98	571		32,078			26	341
<b>VA</b>					147	5,447			50	2,573
<b>VT</b>									3	84
<b>WA</b>						15,415				877
<b>WI</b>	2	2	268	930	1,328	12,277			33	1,173
<b>WV</b>	1	1	123	323	1,611	45,634			1	466
<b>WY</b>									53	106
<b>Totals</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>30,586</b>	<b>205,838</b>	<b>246,406</b>	<b>13,194,077</b>	<b>224,823</b>	<b>8,971,307</b>	<b>26,386</b>	<b>384,381</b>