



Mississippi Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
*Promoting Cooperation, Communication, Coordination and Collaboration
During Disaster Preparedness, Response, Relief and Recovery*

SPECIAL CALLED MEMBERS MEETING

Preparations for Gustav

Monday, September 1, 2008 – 11:00 AM

Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions – Jay Huffstatler

Roll Call:

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ray Elsberry

Assisting as needed and requested.

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Paige Roberts, Warren Miller, Brenda Dunn, Josh Joachim, Smyther Fallen
Warren – 3 shelters stood up in Jackson – Trade Mart brought on in addition. Currently at 500 and can expand if necessary. Neshoba Co. has add'l shelter. Meridian is at max. 73 ARC shelters statewide – 7,200 persons in shelters. Working with MEMA to do add'l assessments.

Paige – counting LA residents in Jackson/George shelters – planning to establish more long term shelters

Smyther – when needs are identified, please contact ARC so they may assist.

Josh – Harrison Co. - 1,200 in shelters, 9 total shelters.

Headquarters Mass Care staging – 95 W R Runnels in Hattiesburg.

CAN – No one present on call

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Mike Orepeza, Greg Patin

On standby. Mental Health personnel on standby – for sites for evacuees or staff.

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES – Cindy Cheeks, Donna

Team is ready – will re-enter Hancock Co. when allowed. Will need a day to get running again. May need request for volunteers. Can host distribution site in Bay St. Louis if needed.

FEMA - Suzie Calvert

Supporting MEMA as needed

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Jay Huffstatler

Set up to receive financial contribution.

HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE– Bill Driscoll, Jr.

Watching will do assessment and deploy as needed.

IRD – Stephanie Mathes

Same as yesterday - Waiting to see. Staff is on standby for volunteer assistance.

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI – Sandra Braasch

Same as yesterday - Continuing to execute plan with LA/TX/AL/FL and also Lutheran Disaster Response and Episcopal Disaster Relief. 3 camps – Mission on Bay in BSL (can house/feed 100), Camp Coast Care in PC (can house/feed 150). Camp Victor in OS (warehouse 4,000 SF house/feed 230). Camp Victor designated Volunteer/Donations Mgmt thru Jackson Co.

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLIES OF GOD – Robert Bingham

Not available for report.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – Don Gann

Same as yesterday - Continuing to coordinate kitchen work in MS/LA/TX with partners. 550,000 meals – a lot of teams staying in MS – 3 camps, Kosciusko and Clinton. Will roll where need is greatest.

MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – Roberta Avila

Same as yesterday - Water has been brought to warehouse. 10,000 SF warehouse. Working to get PSAs out in Spanish and Vietnamese. MEMA has some available possibly to make PSAs in Spanish. 228-229-8552 is Roberta's #.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Marsha Kelly

So far, so good. 211 working well – will let Valari report. Supporting 211 back-up. No warehouse decision made (statewide).

MEMA – Jennifer Wills

Still waiting on damage assessment. Rescue mission earlier in Hancock Co. reported Hwy 90 closed. Lots of evacuees from LA – will be here for a while. 13,000 evacuees – 106 shelters open. 2,500 shelters reported by CNN. Concerned about tornadoes statewide – throughout the day and night.

MISSISSIPPI UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RELIEF – C.J. Caufield

EOC in Jackson. Working with district offices. Gathering shelters thru churches. Developing points of collections. No clothing donations. ERT on standby for muckouts and tarping.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – Sherry Lanier

No updates – waiting on word.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – Sandra Price

No new reports. All people in place and ready to come.

THE SALVATION ARMY – James Mullins

No new updates. On standby.

UNITED WAY/MISSISSIPPI 2-1-1 – Valari Kyzar

Call center still very busy. Not at level as yesterday very steady. NCCC team there today. Manning phone today. 1,500 calls yesterday – most for shelters. Training on going and another one at 1 pm. Secretary of State was just there.

WORLD VISION – No one present on call.

RAI – No one present on call.

AME CHURCH – No one present on call.

OPERATION BLESSING – Jody Herrington, Dan Moore

Pre-staged in H'Burg. In communication with LA more at the moment. Has several resources to bring to devastated areas. Will go where need is greatest.

OXFAM – Mark Hambrick

People eager to get back to assist

CRWRC – Fred Visser

Watching and waiting.

ASCPA – Joe Elmore

Requests from shelters coordinating thru MART for pet shelters. Grant system open to provide assistance to animal related agencies.

MS DEPT OF HEALTH – Laveta Moody-Thomas

Very busy in command center. Deployed nurse and therapists to many shelters throughout state. Ready to verify credentials for volunteers medical staff. Many community colleges on standby for shelters.

MEMA HAS ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE ASKING RESIDENTS TO WAIT 3 DAYS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE AREA.

Jay will continue to forward information to distribution list.

If someone wishes to be placed on the Mississippi VOAD Distribution list, please go to www.msvoad.org and contact Jay Huffstatler directly from the site. He will reply to you and add you.

Conference Call Schedule:

Tuesday, September 2, 11 AM

Conference Call Number: **800.320.4330** – PIN: **897612#**