



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
Wednesday, September 10, 2008 – 11:00 AM

Roll Call, then reports from agencies:

Report from Mississippi VOAD President (Jay Huffstatler):

- Agencies continue to send information to Jay for distribution to ensure everyone knows everything available. Big thanks to everyone for all their hard work. Sometimes impossible, but please respond to urgent information requests and needs for information as quickly as possible.
- Please send AidMatrix requests to Jay if you do not have a portal login.
- **Conference Call Schedule:**
Friday, September 12, 11 AM CST
Conference Call Number: **800.320.4330 – PIN: 897612#**
Conference Call line is reserved through next week should it be needed for Ike.
- If you desire to be added to the Mississippi VOAD distribution list, e-mail Jay directly or visit the Mississippi VOAD website (www.msvoad.org) and e-mail him directly from the website.

Report from Mississippi VOAD State EOC Desk (Sandra Price):

EOC is not active.

Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:

MEMA – Allen Roark

Still conducting meetings and requesting federal declaration. No word yet. Will forward info as soon as it is released. AmeriCorps team has been assisting a lot. Thanked VOAD members.

FEMA – Suzie Calvert, Heather King

Waiting on declaration. Information is at regional office and up to D.C. Hoping to hear in the next few days. Working with those trying to get information on those in need in Hancock Co.

MS COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Judy Stein, Malcolm Hardy, Vicky Sutak, Kyle Henning, Susan Gregerson

Has AmeriCorps team from St. Louis working with Donations Management. Meeting this afternoon regarding donations management. Have some NCCC teams deployed into coastal counties. Anticipating 75 staying Jackson Friday for Ike deployment – unsure if they will be sent farther south.

MS DEPT OF HEALTH – No one present on call

No report available

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH – No one present on call

No report available.

NATIONAL VOAD – Den Alich

Thanked us for all the work accomplished. Continue to support us as needed. Will be setting up AidMatrix national portal training.

Regional VOADs:

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD – Steven Howard, Bill Brent

Have a conference call tomorrow. Reaching out utilizing partners.

Mississippi VOAD Members and Other Agencies:

AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN –

ASCPA – No one present on call

No report available

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES – Sharon Applewhite

Still on standby.

AME CHURCH – No one present on call.

No report available

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Warren Miller, Robin Graham, Bill Brent

Warren – State Shelter – a few evacuees that had damaged FEMA/MEMA housing. Relaying sheltering information as it is available.

Robin – started client casework in Hancock Co. at the shelter and through outreach teams in the community.

Bill – Bob Beebe has provided Hancock Co. shelter housing numbers to MEMA. Some areas flooded that could not be initially reached. 8 teams on ground today re-assessing communities to ensure all pockets have been reached.

Please let ARC know if any clients have damage that have not been reported.

BAY AREA FOOD BANK – Lannie Shearls

Did receive supplies from America's Second Harvest –made drops in Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, and Picayune. Have water, cleaning supplies, and snacks.

CAN – Elizabeth Campbell

Still working to get community events on their calendar. Any events that can be put on the calendar, please send it that way. Feed from ARC is set up to go in from Gustav.

CRWRC – No one present on call

Bill Adams reported through National VOAD Fred & Mary Visser have been assigned for Mississippi Gustav relief.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Mike Oerpeza

Assisting cases specifically to office having issues getting back to LA and coast.

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES – Cindy Cheeks

Has 14 work orders, 2 completed. Coordinating with the Housing Resource Center. Housing teams for the next 3 weekends to work on projects. Will be able to take on more as they are finished.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Jay Huffstatter

Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund set-up to accept any donations for relief needs. Can refer to www.mgccf.org

HANDS – Cindy Cheeks

Working with City Team.

HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE – No one present on call.

We have not deployed an assessment team and do not plan to for Gustav unless we hear of a significant pocket of need / damage. We are currently engaged in a very successful flood relief project in Cedar Rapids, Iowa but will continue to monitor the storms on the horizon and their impact.

IRD – No one present on call

No report available.

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI – Sandra Braasch

Housing 50 ARC volunteers.

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLIES OF GOD – No one present on call

No report available.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – Don Gann

Finished feeding operations in Natchez and Diamondhead in partnership with ARC. Fed 20,000 in Natchez, 6,000 in Diamondhead. Sending recovery teams to Hancock Co. Will go into Natchez again this week. Continuing to support LA operations. 2 feeding teams in Houma and BR areas sent today.

MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – Steven Howard, Roberta Avila

Standing by to assist as needed.

MISSISSIPPI UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RELIEF – No one present on call

No report available.

OPERATION BLESSING – No one present on call

No report available

OPERATION HOPE – Alex Stayton

On standby.

OXFAM – Mark Hambrick

No report available

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – Sherry Lanier

Have Lagniappe Church open – receiving teams there. Doing work and light meals. Sent chainsaw to BR.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – Sandra Price

Have Diamondhead church and Long Beach church ready to receive volunteers. Orange Grove and Pearlinton centers are almost ready to open

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THE SALVATION ARMY – James Mullins, Brandi Clarke

James – all operations wrapped up in MS. Focusing in LA.

Brandi - Seeing families and individuals on case by case basis. Sending some resources to Baton Rouge.

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

Call volume still not as high. Still looking for financial assistance to get home.

UNITED WAY/VOLUNTEER GULF COAST – Markus Jones

Still operating Volunteer Reception Center at Hancock Co. Housing Resource Center. Can receive unaffiliated volunteers and refer to partners.

WORLD VISION – No one present on call

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