



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
Tuesday, September 2, 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.

Unless you get word from Jay, any EOC or other designated Mission Assignment are not completed and filled. Our report is being sent daily to National VOAD for distribution.

Conference Call Schedule:

Wednesday, September 3, 11 AM CST

Thursday, September 4, 11 AM CST

Friday, September 5, 11 AM CST

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

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 Braasch):

Sandra has been in the seat since Friday. 2 AmeriCorps members arrived to day to assist in manning the seat. Sandra will be leaving for the coast tomorrow.

Request from MEMA and Governor's office to report capacity/resources of each agency. (i.e. – chainsaws available, and how many; mental health staff, and how many; etc.) Report/spreadsheet to come from Jay to complete and return by end of each day (if possible – plus please make every effort possible)

Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:

MEMA – Jennifer Cobb-Wills

Severe weather threats statewide they are watching. Ike is out there expected to make landfall in 10 days – expected to come into gulf. 14,000 people in shelters statewide, 108 total shelters reported. Increasing calls for people in hotels and out of money looking for shelter options. Those evacuated by bus will be returned back to coast Thursday. They will go back to shelters and counties will need to transport from shelters to homes based on the ability to return to their home. Close to 100,000 homes statewide without power.

FEMA - Suzie Calvert

Supporting MEMA as needed. Monitoring LA decisions for resident re-entry.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Susan Gregerson, Marsha Kelly, David Mallory

Trying hard to support all agencies. Manning statewide call center – volunteers and donation management. Please send all info to Jay. National Trade agencies and partners (Chambers) that want to donate. Please email or call Jay with needs so he can input info in. 400 donation needs info placed this morning.

MS DEPT OF HEALTH – No one present on call

No report available

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH - Bridgette Echols

No report available. Joe Elmore/ASPCA provided info earlier.

NATIONAL VOAD – Deb Alich

FEMA Conference Call lines are hard to come by due to need. National VOAD issuing daily reports to National VOAD Partners. Thanked Mississippi VOAD for daily meeting minutes.

Regional VOADs:**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD** – Jon Biggs

Agencies continue to work plans. Agencies participating in Mississippi VOAD calls. Attempting to hold South Mississippi VOAD call in next day. Information will be distributed when available.

Conference Line Secured – Please join South Mississippi VOAD for their call.

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Mississippi VOAD Members and Other Agencies:**ASCPA** – Joe Elmore

Animal shelters in Jackson, Laurel, and Gulfport. 200 animals in Jackson, 100 in laurel – mostly LA residents

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ray Elsberry

Assisting as needed and requested.

AME CHURCH – No one present on call.

No report available

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Bill Brent. Brenda Dunn

Brenda – 2 shelters opening Hancock County – one has 200, other one opened 1 hour ago. Looking for volunteers to assist with sheltering. ESF-14 is landing there in Hancock Co. now. Volunteer to log the Diesel output log is needed. Please call Brenda Dunn with ARC at the Volunteer Director desk for Hancock Co. with any Hancock Co. volunteer needs – 228.466.8225

BAY AREA FOOD BANK – Mark Brower, Lannie Sherrell

Several agencies set up in MS counties with self contained refrigeration units. Ready to go and checked status.

Several partners in area. MREs ready for distribution.

CAN – Leslie Neter

2008 Summer storms portal up. Request for ARC client info request has been made.

CRWRC – No one present on call

No report available

CATHOLIC CHARITIES –Greg Patin

Request from coliseum for Mental Health staff – 3 on way to the shelter. Working on getting emergency funds for gasoline vouchers for those traveling to coast. Will be a limited amount once allocated.

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES – Donna Tente

Volunteers from BSL camp had to leave since they were not permanent residents, although they live at the camp.

Connecting Donna with Hancock Co. to get issue resolved.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Jay Huffstatter

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

www.mississippiirelief.com or www.mgccf.org

HANDS – Cindy Cheeks

Been receiving requests from several shelters for necessities. Feeding Copiah Co. shelters this evening. Looking for donations for shelters for evacuees.

HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE – No one present on call

No one present for report

IRD – Lori West

Has mental health staff on staff to assist where needed.

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI – Sandra Braasch, Jon Biggs

Sandra - Initial assessments done of disaster relief site capabilities. Camp Coast Care in Harrison Co. faired well.

Mission on Bay capabilities unsure. Will be doing more assessments.

Jon – Camp Victor in Jackson County is up and going to receive donations or house volunteers. No damage and has power.

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLIES OF GOD – No one present on call

Not available for report.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – Don Gann

Still in investigative process doing assessments. Will know info tomorrow.

MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – Roberta Avila, John Hosey

Still on standby and warehouse open. Mental health staff available.

MISSISSIPPI UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RELIEF – C. J. Cauffield

Continuing execution of plan. Will get info out asap regarding their resources..

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OPERATION BLESSING – No one present on call

No report available

OXFAM – No one present on call

No report available

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – Sherry Lanier

Trying to open Lagniappe Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis (Hancock County) by tomorrow. Bunk houses will be open - damage looks minimal. Hopes to serve meals as well.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – Leslie Fedo, Sandra

Meridian staff is pulling into Orange Grove (Harrison County) village to get it up and running. Pearlington site (Hancock County) has substantial damage and concentrating to get site re-opened ASAP. Small kitchen with no damage in Pearlington - hopes to be open soon.

RAI – No one present on call

No report available

THE SALVATION ARMY – James Mullins, Brandi Clarke

James – deployed Incident Command Teams to coast region with many canteens.

Brandi – as of 1 pm, MEMA and National Guard will be at the TSA Division Street location giving food, ice, and water. 5 mobile canteens coast-wide. There's a need for volunteers, preferably canteen trained. Clean up kits, providing meals to first responders and EOC staff in 6 counties and sheltering volunteers. Offering emotional and spiritual counseling for those who need it. Brandi may be reached at 228-326-4365.

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

500-600 calls to date today. Calls for directions for shelters, financial assistance, clothing, blue tarps, road closings. FEMA Communications Dept called and said when people call, 211 will be taking name and contact info and info will be sent to FEMA regarding blue tarp assistance. (same as LA). 2500 calls yesterday

UNITED WAY/VOLUNTEER GULF COAST – No one present on call

No report available

WORLD VISION – No one present on call

No report available

Other Reports:

MS ECONOMIC COUNCIL –

Joined call at invitation of Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. Thanked all agencies for all the work. Connecting national partners to needs in the area. Please use their website if needed www.mec.ms.

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