



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 3, 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 resource information to Jay each evening.

NCCC team requests have been sent to MCVS. Any additional requests need to be sent ASAP.

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:

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.

Sandra Braasch has left the seat and Sandra Price with PDA will resume the seat beginning at 1 pm today thru the remainder of the week.

Report from Mississippi VOAD State EOC Desk (AmeriCorps):

Sandra Price with PDA will be in seat effective 1 PM CST today through the remainder of the week.

Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:

MEMA – Jennifer Cobb-Wills, Kristen Renfro

2,582 in shelters – 84 shelters open; around 40 are full. Asked for an expedited declaration of 16 counties – hope to hear tonight or tomorrow. Doing some assessments – hoping to get declaration without PDA. Trying to open DRCs – researching possible locations. FEMA is on site being very proactive assisting. Still updating requests in WebEOC. Counties requested for declaration by MEMA are: Adams, Amite, Franklin, George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl River, Pike, Stone, Walthall, Wilkinson

FEMA – Suzie Calvert

Trying to get National Shelter System accurate with EOC. AmeriCorps assisting as needed.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE –Marsha Kelly, Ian Beecher, Susan Gregerson

At call center this morning. Calls today are about individual assistance and shelter needs due to people in hotels running out of money. Traffic moving south and west on 59 is clogged for miles and miles – many LA residents trying to get back. Lots of road condition calls. Giving the 211 # to LA residents. Trying to have accurate information at 211 to relay. Donations and Needs – 2 new members arrived late last evening from St. Louis response agency – Ian is captain. Several teams members skilled in AidMatrix. Calls are being sent to www.volunteermisississippi.org for donations of cash/materials. Please make sure any input for AidMatrix is sent to Jay for input of information.

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 – No one present on call
No report available

Regional VOADs:

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD – No one present on call
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Mississippi VOAD Members and Other Agencies:

ASCPA – No one present on call
No report available

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ray Elsberry, Sharon Applewhite
Assisting as needed and requested.

AME CHURCH – No one present on call.
No report available

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Warren Miller, Bill Brent
Warren - Trying to make assessment with mass evacuation shelter in Jackson. Bus evacuations to the coast – concern when residents are delivered, can they stay or will shelter need to be opened? Coastal chapters assessing capacity. Many residents are leaving hotels and coming to shelters. Many people are asking for assistance to get home. No Financial assistance determination has been made. Some shelters are closing – trying to consolidate shelters. Have been giving 211 number out for assistance. Go to website if possible for ARC contact #s. Coliseum site closing date strategies been considered. Residents will be migrated from coliseum to the Jackson Trade Mart. Bill – a lot of populations (many LA residents) in coastal shelters. Not at capacity yet. 2 shelters near capacity – one in Pearl River in Harrison. Made shift in shelter in Hancock Co. Has had issue with getting info into NSS and have relayed the info.

BAY AREA FOOD BANK – No one present on call
No report available

CAN – No one present on call.
No report available

CRWRC – No one present on call
No report available

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Mike Orepeza
Providing crisis counselors at coliseum and assessing needs in Natchez area. No word on gas assistance – will be provided in a limited amount to those at Coliseum shelter.

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES – Donna Tente
Getting campuses up and running – had small fire, but hope to up and running in next 24 hours. Can house volunteers when opened. Efforts tomorrow will focus on neighborhood assessment needs and referring to other partners.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Jay Huffstatler
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
Working to assess needs with private shelters they are in contact with. – Copiah Co. and Jackson area. Seeking donations to meet shelter needs.

HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE – No one present on call.
No report available.

IRD – Lori West
Relieving ARC staff at Snyder center in Biloxi. Have counseling services, food, hygiene products as needed. Offering office space to anyone temporary coming into area with the need.

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI – Sandra Braasch
Assessing situation on ground. All 3 camps will be fully functional tomorrow. Housed ARC volunteers last night and will continue indefinitely.

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLIES OF GOD – No one present on call
Not available for report.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – No one present on call
No report available

MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – John Hosey
Wednesday, September 03, 2008

Water stored for ARC in warehouse. Warehouse space available for temporary storage needs. Mental health assistance available if 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 – Fred Smith

Services available at 888.388.HOPE. Flyers sent out this morning. Volunteers in area by Friday. Working with shelters.

OXFAM – No one present on call

No report available

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – Sherry Lanier

Have spaces for ARC volunteers at Lagniappe Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis. Getting kitchen together for food services at Lagniappe. Shelter still open at Brookhaven (capacity is 200 – 400 Magee Drive – Faith Presbyterian Church - 601-833-0081- ARC shelter).

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – Leslie Fedo

Getting villages up and running. Orange Grove village in Harrison County should be operational within 24-48 hours. Pearlinton site – staff going to get it up and running – no word on opening time and date.

RAI – Joceyln Derby

Getting camps up and running – assessing damage. Helping clients as they call in and referring to shelters.

THE SALVATION ARMY – James Mullins, Brandi Clarke

James – supporting feeding operations on coast. Starting feeding operation in McComb. Also supporting nursing home in Liberty until power is restored.

Brandi – 5 mobile canteens deployed throughout South MS – paper products, cleanup supplies, meals in some EOCs for first responders, feeding shelters residents and staff at Donal Snyder Center In Biloxi and Woolmarket Community Center in Harrison Co. Have emotional/spiritual care counseling available. Case workers taking cases now.

UNITED WAY/MISSISSIPPI 2-1-1 –

Marsha covered quite a bit. Center is taking calls for financial assistance needs, fuel (sometimes no fuel available, sometimes no money). Please cc Valari with urgent info so she can provide to people calling.

(Valari@myunitedway.com)

UNITED WAY/VOLUNTEER GULF COAST – Mary Tell, Markus Jones

Getting ready to start volunteer reception center in Hancock Co. – looking for right address. Will report site information by tomorrow. Interviewing/screening and referring unaffiliated volunteers to local organizations needing volunteers. If you have a need for add'l volunteers – call 228.896.0073 (VGC). If you have housing you can provide for volunteers, please let them know.

WORLD VISION – No one present on call

No report available

Other Reports:

MS ECONOMIC COUNCIL –

Only items listed in AidMatrix is from LESM. MCVS/MS VOAD will research problem(s) and resolve ASAP. Please ensure your information is getting inputted in AidMatrix. Please send to Jay if you do not have a portal login.

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