



**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**  
Thursday, September 4, 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:**

**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](http://www.msvoad.org)) and e-mail him directly from the website.

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

Re-emphasized need for Mission Assignment information. She must send info to MEMA of what we have done.

**Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:**

**MEMA** – Allen Roark

Have shut down a significant amount of shelters.

**FEMA** – Ken Skalitzky, Suzie Calvert, Heather

Suzie - 9,788 in shelters. 88 shelter count – continuing a shelter shift. Working today to get shelter report more together. PDAs will begin tomorrow for Individual Assistance. Rumors: LA has been declared, therefore getting some money in. MS is not declared yet – therefore no money flowing in MS yet. Will be problem for 211. Earliest notice of declaration will be Sunday most likely, if a declaration occurs.

Ken – monitoring and supporting requests from MS. In contact with MCVS regarding Case Management issue. Watching Hanna and Ike and how it will affect Region IV. Critical Needs Assistance (\$500) – at this moment, LA has not requested it, they must request it. There will be no assistance until the request. It's an ONA program, which requires a cost-share. Will be shared thru FEMA once a decision is made.

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

Thanks for people getting in AidMatrix requests/needs. Will be discussing warehouse information – will ask if a VOAD member can step up to be distribution center. Susan Gregerson is arranging a donations/warehousing conference call.

**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:**

Post Office Box 2984 \* Gulfport, MS 39505

[www.msvoad.org](http://www.msvoad.org)

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD – Jon Biggs**

Conference Call yesterday afternoon – repeat/continuance of this call. Jon will be tied up. Conference call scheduled today, Thursday, September 3, 800.320.4330; Pin: 897612#. 2:00 PM CST

**Mississippi VOAD Members and Other Agencies:**

**ASCPA** – No one present on call

No report available

**ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES** – Sharon Applewhite

Doesn't appear as if there is a need - Assisting as needed and requested.

**AME CHURCH** – No one present on call.

No report available

**AMERICAN RED CROSS** – Robin Graham

Robin – monitoring as the voluntary agency liaison.

**BAY AREA FOOD BANK** – Lannie Sherrells

Getting supplies to agencies in Hancock and Harrison Co. looking for numbers of those who need assistance.

**CAN** – Elizabeth Campbell

Set up portal for Gustav and summer storms information can posted to.

**CRWRC** – No one present on call

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

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** – Greg Patin, Mike Orepeza

Mental Health assistance being provided at coliseum. Trying to get resources into food pantry in Natchez – no time frame for opening

**CITY TEAM MINISTRIES** – Donna Tente

Out in Hancock Co. been in community assessing those who need help. Needs power washers – needs for mucking and cleaning. Need around Jordan River area of Hancock Co.

**GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** – Jay Huffstatler

Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund set-up to accept any donations for relief needs. Can refer to [www.mgccf.org](http://www.mgccf.org)

**HANDS** – No one present on call

No report available

**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** – Jon Biggs

Have not received report from Camp Coast Care and Mission on Bay other than they are trying to get up and running. Camp Victor is up and running and can receive donations of supplies and be a POD. Housing some volunteers from American Red Cross. Contact Volunteer Coordinator through [www.campvictor.org](http://www.campvictor.org).

**MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLIES OF GOD** – Robert Bingham

Taking 200 flood buckets to Greenville, MS today – hit by flooding last evening.

**MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF** – No one present on call

No report available

**MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF** – No one present on call

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

**MISSISSIPPI UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RELIEF** – C. J. Cauffield

Resources in state – 795 flood buckets available as well as food, water, and baby supplies and shelters reported in e-mail. Several teams headed to Gulfside Assembly in Waveland to do some clean-up. Keeping databases up and going.

**OPERATION BLESSING** – No one present on call

No report available

**OPERATION HOPE** – Alex Stayton

More volunteers are coming in to assist. Free access to financial professionals for financial recovery plans, helping them deal with the funds from FEMA, SBA, etc.

**OXFAM** – No one present on call

No report available

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** – Sherry Lanier

Have folks on the ground doing assessment work in Bay St. Louis. Moved chainsaw crews to Baton Rouge, LA. Lagniappe Presbyterian Church - 228-467-3887.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** – Sandra Price

Almost ready to open Orange Grove volunteer center. Pearlinton vol.

**RAI** – No one present on call

No report available

**THE SALVATION ARMY** –Brandi Clarke, James Mullins

No report available

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

Still getting many calls, primarily for financial assistance for hotels or gasoline. Many callers are irate and frustrated. Callers are being told there are no gasoline vouchers available –the assistance has not been released until a federal declaration. Gas decision may be different for MS as it is for LA.

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

Volunteer Gulf Coast – United Way of South MS Volunteer Reception Center - Place: Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Building; 412 Hwy 90, Suite 7; Bay St. Louis, MS 39520; (228) 467-9048

Hours of operation: Monday – Friday (beginning Thursday, September 4) 9 AM – 5 PM, Closed weekends

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**WORLD VISION** – No one present on call

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