



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
Friday, September 5, 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.
- Please send AidMatrix requests to Jay if you do not have a portal login.
- 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:**
Wednesday, September 10, 11 AM CST
Friday, September 12, 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 Price):

Chair is not manned at the request of MEMA.

Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:

MEMA – Allen Roark

Still gathering data for long term sheltering. Department of Human Services is getting information for accurate data to release. FEMA, SBA, MEMA and local EMA's in Hancock, Harrison, Washington, and Wilkinson Counties are conducting joint preliminary disaster assessments. They met at 7 am in Jackson at the State EOC and are on the way down to meet county EMA's around noon. FEMA will call leads at 3 pm and 6 pm until PDA's are completed. All ESF leads have been released with exception of Red Cross due to shelter info. Working with donations and AidMatrix. Greenville Numbers: Approx. 350 homes flooded they know of, still doing assessments. Some of those homes could be hunting/fishing camps close to river.

FEMA – Ken Skalitzky, Suzie Calvert

Suzie – the email regarding people in MS can register – that is not the case. MS does not have a declaration and they are not to call. Those in FEMA/Katrina housing units that received damage, clients must call 866.877.6075
Ken – possibly clients are eligible for further assistance as a result of Gustav that are in FEMA/Katrina housing units. Personal Property is not covered until they go thru insurance companies (as required by FEMA) and if MS gets a declaration, Gustav assistance could possibly be provided. Preliminary Disaster Assessments are ongoing. Local EMA must know where damage is to show to FEMA. If Voluntary Agencies know of pockets of damage, please let EMAs know.

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

Make sure people get donation and need information in. Please email Jay or put info in AidMatrix for any needs.

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 – Jon Biggs

Had a call yesterday. Bay Area, GCCF, VGC were on call. Another call at 2 pm, same # and pin.

Mississippi VOAD Members and Other Agencies:

AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN – Jack Cobb

Assists with clean-up – mucking out and debris removal. Several states away. Contact Jack if you need his assistance - 304.206.8462.

ASCPA – No one present on call

No report available

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES – No one present on call

No report available.

AME CHURCH – No one present on call.

No report available

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Troy, Bill Brent

Troy - Finishing damage assessments numbers to strategize service delivery for South MS.

Bill – still sheltering throughout state, trying to move and consolidate and are still in process. Will be down to 1 shelter in Hancock Co along the coast – predominantly LA residents. Coast region – ERVs still delivering food to Hancock Co. area. Damage Assessment information is being wrapped up – destroyed or major damage is mostly in Hancock Co., predominantly FEMA units

BAY AREA FOOD BANK – Mark Brewer

Trying to figure out scope of what relief is needed – has water, MREs, and snacks in stock. Have affiliates in area already. Trying to get canned food from other areas of country. Has cleaning supplies as well.

CAN – Elizabeth Campbell, Lesli Remaly-Netter

No new news - Set up portal for Gustav and summer storms information can posted to. Anyone with computers/technology skills, could use help.

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 Orepeza

No new news - 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

Hancock HRC wants to handle requests for needs. Had a group cancel next week and have committed to help – if any volunteers, please let them know. Can hold 44 .

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

HANDS – Cindy Cheeks

Working with City Team to assist in work projects and assess needs in Lakeshore, Jordan River, and Pearlinton areas. Getting supplies to Baton Rouge.

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, Jon Biggs

Housing 80-100 volunteers at Camp Victor. Supplying sheets sets, pillows.

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLIES OF GOD – Robert Bingham

Same report as yesterday - Taking 200 flood buckets to Greenville, MS today – hit by flooding last evening.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – Deanna Vail

Still has feeding units at FBC in Natchez – thru the weekend. Smaller feeding unit in Diamondhead. Both units in both places. 2 chainsaw units in Natchez.

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MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – No one present on call

No report available

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

No new reports.

OXFAM – No one present on call

No report available

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – No one present on call

No report available

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – Sandra Price

Has one church in Diamondhead that has setup for volunteers with 70 beds – Russ Olderman is contact - 228.324.3761. Very near Pearlington. Other volunteer villages should be up and running soon.

RAI – Maria Morris

Case Managers contacting clients. Ones in FEMA units will contact FEMA. Camp providing support to Baton Rouge area.

THE SALVATION ARMY – James Mullins

Will wrap up canteen/feeding operation in MS on Sunday. Staging canteens in Mobile in prep for Ike.

UNITED WAY/MISSISSIPPI 2-1-1 –

Going back 8 AM – 4 PM schedule effective tomorrow. Call volume yesterday was 600. . 800.594.8911 – LA 211 backup 800 #. Have taken 60 calls today to date. Mainly for financial assistance for gasoline to get home.

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

Volunteer Gulf Coast Contacts: Markus Jones - Office: (228) 896-2213 x 13; Cell: (601) 955-6661

Mary Tell, Director - Volunteer Gulf Coast; Office: (228) 896-2213 x 11; Cell: (228) 860-0658

WORLD VISION – No one present on call

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