

**STATE OF TEXAS, STATE OPERATIONS CENTER (SOC)**

**SUBJECT: Hurricane Ike**

**SITUATION REPORT # 14**

**DATE AND TIME COVERED: Friday, September 19, 2008, 6:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CURRENT PRIORITIES:**

- POD Redistribution and Reduction
- Priority to Medical Facilities, Public Safety and Utilities
- Health and Welfare of Responders
- Transition to recovery
- Work toward returning evacuees home

**2. CURRENT SITUATION:**

Response operations are beginning to transition to recovery operations. The hours of operation for the Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers (MDRC) will be Monday through Sunday 9:00 am – 6:00 p.m.

<b>MDRC Name</b>	<b>MDRC Location</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Cumulative # of Visits</b>
MDRC 1A	Home Depot 11500 Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas 77035 Main Number 713-723-1400	09/19	0
MDRC 2A	Home Depot 10707 North Freeway, Houston, Texas 77037 Main Number 281-820-4745593	09/19	0
MDRC 3A	Home Depot 6810 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77087 Main Number 713-649-1108	09/19	0
MDRC 4A	Ellington Joint Reserve Base, Building 1383 14657 Sneider Street, Houston, Texas 77034	09/19	0
	Houston County Kennard High School 300 SH 7 East, Kennard, Texas 75847	09/19	0
	Hardin County 300 Monroe Highway 326 Kountze, Texas 77625	09/19	0
	Tyler County Tall Pines Plaza (Old Wal-Mart) South Magnolia Woodville, Texas 75979	09/19	0
	Orange county Orange County Courthouse 123 South 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Orange, Texas	09/19	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>

<b>FDRC Name</b>	<b>FDRC Location</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Cumulative # of Visits</b>
FDRC	Bexar County 5455 Evers Road, San Antonio, Texas 78238-1832	09/19	0
<b>Total</b>			

**2-1-1:** September 19, 2008, the 2-1-1 system handled 11,616 calls. Due to platform capacity issues some callers are hearing a fast busy signal. 2-1-1 continues to work with DIR to resolve the issue. In addition, a separate telephone number for callers seeking food stamp assistance has been set up and should alleviate the situation.

Since September 9, 2008, the 2-1-1 Texas system has handled 186,111 calls.

One gulf coast Area Information Centers (AIC's) in Beaumont remains closed due to storm damage. AIC's across the state are still contributing 100% of total staff and volunteers to respond to information and referral calls related to Hurricane Ike. All have extended business hours as needed. The Disaster Kit remains operational 24/7 in Austin staffed by volunteers from across state agencies, community volunteers and Alliance of Information System volunteers from across the United States.

At 11:30 a.m. today, September 20, 2008, our call volume was 2,688.

**Deaflink:** The Deaflink/Shelter Link units continue to be utilized to provide communication access between shelter staff, FEMA personnel, and hearing impaired evacuees.

All emergency information and alerts for Presidio, Texas are being formatted by the Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) and made accessible for persons with disabilities who are enrolled in Texas's AHAS program. Deaflink continues to supply AHAS data to the recovery process.

2-1-1, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Department of Transportation, and FEMA are working with Deaflink to provide seamless access to information through the for persons with disabilities.

Deaflink is encouraging current subscribers to the AHAS to share information with other individuals with disabilities in their areas and encourage them (if they have access to power) to register with the AHAS in order to receive important information from and emergency alerts related to their areas.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM)/Deaflink have prepared an accessible public service announcement (PSA) for broadcasters to air, encouraging individuals with disabilities in Texas to register with Texas's Accessible Hazard Alert Program - Individual Notification (AHAS-IN) to receive individual notification in the communication modality best suited to their disability that affects how they receive information (blind, hearing impaired, hard of hearing or individuals who are hearing impaired and blind).

## **Texas Forest Service (TFS):**

### **HOUSTON**

Members of the Lone Star State Incident Management Team (LSSIMT) and the Georgia Forestry Commission Type II Incident Management Team (IMT) have formed a unified command at Reliant Stadium in Houston where they are managing a Regional Staging Area (RSA) and supporting various POD (Points of Distribution) operations in Harris, Galveston, Brazoria Montgomery, and Ft. Bend counties. Three Regional IMT members are providing planning support at the Harris County Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

### **ORANGE COUNTY**

Twenty members from the Regional teams, led by TFS managers, are in Orange County, to assist local government in re-establishing operations. The teams continue to gain additional situational awareness in the devastated area, manage points of distribution (POD) operations, maintain a staging area, coordinate relocation of evacuated citizens to San Antonio and provide communications equipment. A Public Works Incident Management Team (PWRT) with six personnel arrived at the Orange County RSA last night. Support assessment is being provided by the Regional team. The PWRT leader met with local officials and is assisting in public infrastructure damage assessment.

## **BEAUMONT**

A Type I Interagency IMT and a 12-person Virginia State Department of Forestry IMT are working under unified command with TFS at the Ford Arena in Beaumont. An Atlanta NIMO Team and South Carolina State Type II Team are helping the US Army Corps of Engineers with intelligence gathering for Points of Distribution (POD). The teams are coordinating with a FEMA National Logistic Staging Area (NLSA), assisting with the PODs in surrounding counties as well as providing saw crews for Brazoria County. The teams are working closely with a FEMA Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT), Disaster Medical Assistant Teams (DMAT), Corps of Engineers (COE), Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and various law enforcement and local agencies. The Texas Forest Service is also coordinating efforts with the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) representatives, the Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol and the Beaumont Disaster District Chairmen (DDC) at a separate facility.

## **GALVESTON**

A TFS manager is leading a Regional team in tracking resources and providing situational awareness for the Galveston DDC. In addition, they have established a base camp for emergency responders on Galveston Island and have established a refined method for the distribution of commodities to points of distribution (POD) by using logistical support from the Texas Military Forces. The team is beginning the move to the base camp at the local airport. A 40-member Florida Type I IMT is in Galveston and is managing base camp operations.

## **LUFKIN**

Forty additional members of the Lone Star State IMT are managing the Lufkin RSA and continue to receive dozens of truckloads with commodities such as ice, sleeping cots, water, heater meals, and other essential items. These commodities are being used to supply evacuation shelter center and PODs throughout the state.

## **ACROSS TEXAS**

Several 20-person saw crews have been removing downed trees in southeast Texas. At the State Operations Center, one TFS employee is assisting as a FEMA liaison and another as a liaison to the private sector, coordinating commodities distribution through the RSA's. Two TFS GIS Specialists are assisting with mapping needs for the state. An additional TFS employee is serving as the TFS ESF-4 liaison. The TFS EOC is coordinating with Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) to provide 19 ambulances and 118 EMT/Paramedics to assist the Department of State Health Services with patient evacuations. Ten engine companies, rescue truck, an ambulance and a swift-water search and rescue team have been sent to Orange County to aid local fire departments. An engine has been sent to UTMB in Galveston.

## **Texas Forest Service is participating in the following missions as directed by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management:**

- ESF-9 Search and Rescue Support – Five TFS employees are assisting with aviation and logistical support to Texas Taskforce One in San Antonio.
- Houston DDC - Five TFS employees are assisting with situation assessment and resource tracking for the evacuation of citizens from UTMB.
- San Antonio DDC Support – One TFS employee is assisting with situation assessment and resource tracking.
- Tyler Shelter Hub – Two Type III team members were assigned with planning and logistics for shelter operations. These team members completed their mission and have been reassigned to Orange County.
- Texarkana Shelter Hub – Three TFS employees are assisting with planning and logistics for shelter operations.
- Harris County EOC - Two TFS employee are assisting with situation assessment and resource tracking.
- Hardin County EOC – Two TFS employees are assisting with situation assessment and resource tracking.
- Tyler DDC – One TFS employee is assisting with situation assessment and resource tracking.

- Polk County EOC -Five TFS employees are assisting with situation assessment and resource tracking.

**Additional TFS missions that have been completed or cancelled:**

Corpus Christi DDC - released  
McAllen DDC – released  
Bryan DDC – released  
Walker County EOC Support – released  
Victoria DDC – released

**American Red Cross (ARC):** At this time the American Red Cross is operating 92 shelters with a population of 11,106. There are 114 vehicles providing feeding, served 219,162 meals, 632,771 meals have been served to-date. There are 2,460 disaster workers providing these services.

**Public Utilities Commission (PUC):** There are approximately 1.2 million total customers in Texas currently without power. This is down from a peak of 4.87 million reported on September 13, 2008. CenterPoint Energy has restored power to at least 1 million customers thus far in the Houston/Galveston/Harris County area, out of a peak of 2.1 million customers. Approximately 47.35% (983,490) of its total customers are still without power. Approximately 35% of Entergy Texas customers are without power in the Port Arthur/Beaumont area (139,361 out of 397,451 total customers). East Texas Coop, 20 companies, municipalities, and cooperatives have reported limited outages. Texas-New Mexico power reports 75% of customers have had power restored. Overall, approximately 36% of customers reported are without power.

**Public Works Response Team (PWRT):** PWRT Assessment teams completed critical infrastructure technical assessments on Galveston Island, Orange County, and Chambers County. We demobilize 4 of the 6 resources, moved one back to Galveston to help in recovery planning, and one to the SOC to assist with prioritization of efforts.

The PWRT Resource teams and equipment from Hidalgo County, McAllen, and San Antonio water systems are in Galveston assisting local officials with water, sewer, and other critical infrastructure restoration. We have deployed an additional team from Lubbock Public Works to Galveston to assist with wastewater pumping. We have also deployed pump teams from San Antonio Water Systems to La Marque and Galveston to assist with lift station pumping. The McAllen PWRT has agreed to stay in Galveston for an additional three days, through Monday, September 22, 2008, to continue restoration activities. We are working on a plan for their replacement with some combination of contractors or other mobilized municipal resource teams.

The SOC Liaison Officer (LSO) team continues working generator requests for hospitals/medical facilities, emergency continuity of government facilities, shelters and water/wastewater systems. Currently there are over 260 requests totaling over 700 individual generators in the 15 KV to 2 MW size range. Smaller units requested are generally purchased or leased locally. The COE has provided most of the big ones for hospitals, shelters, emergency facilities and some water/wastewater facilities; many of the water and wastewater requests have been filled through TXWARN and other industry associations, and in coordination with the TCEQ. Many of these requests are being closed as electric power is restored to the area.

Working an Regional Liaison Officer (RLO) request through the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for repair of 7 miles of county road through San Luis Pass to access approximately 400 homes.

We are developing a database of Texas building inspectors to assist in inspection of the thousands of buildings. So far we have well over 400 names on the list.

**Texas AgriLife Extension Service:** Texas AgriLife Extension Service has deployed a team of five AgriLife Extension agents and one Extension beef cattle specialist, one Regional Director and one Associate Director to stand up and operate a horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for

“Operation No Fences: Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief” near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. This team and facility is receiving and distributing feed, hay, water and other resources to relieve Chambers, Liberty and Jefferson County livestock producers in need of care for stranded livestock and horses. There have been in excess of 700 bales of hay, 100 watering troughs, two water trucks, 300 livestock panels, and equipment to operate the staging area delivered to Chambers County; the agency has established and provided leadership to the 41 member “Operation No Fences Working Group” comprised of agricultural industry, government, and educational organizations across the state for coordination and control actions in support of this the horse and cattle relief effort. TDA has also deployed an additional Extension beef cattle specialist for scientific and technical animal health and handling coordination and control at the Beaumont DDC; 48 AgriLife Extension agents in East Texas are activated to assess damages to support USDA County Emergency Boards and County Judges who initiate USDA disaster declaration by submitting damage assessments to the Governor prior to submission to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; 12 Extension beef cattle specialists, agriculture engineering specialists, range and wildlife specialist and agricultural economists serving on the agency’s Incident Resource Teams are activated to address agricultural producer and local jurisdiction needs regarding animal care and feeding on farms and ranches following the storm and proper carcass disposal methods.

Additional AgriLife Extension Service agents across 74 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows; 74 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties. Four AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency’s Incident Resource Teams are activated to support 81 Extension agents to support GDEM with family health, food and water safety, hygiene, home damage response, consumer fraud, public assistance information and education regarding local, state and federal assistance; 14 Extension specialists and AgriLife Extension agents for agency liaison services at the SOC; two Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDC’s in Beaumont and Bryan; the agency’s Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; six AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** The following is a brief description of the current TCEQ Hurricane Ike Emergency/Disaster Recovery Actions to include:

Assessing 1,394 PWS facilities in 10 counties. To date 552 facilities reported as operational, 295 reported as non-operational, and we were unable to establish contact with 547 facilities.

Assessing 740 (corrected from 746) WWTP facilities in 10 counties. To date 279 facilities reported as operational, 139 reported as non-operational, and we were unable to establish contact with 322 facilities.

Monitoring 332 Boil water notices, of which approximately 51 have already been rescinded.

TCEQ Petrochemical Facility Start-up Report: Thirteen of the refineries that reported shutdown for Hurricane Ike, five reported startup activities. Forty-six chemical facilities that reported shutdowns, three reported startup activities.

With concurrence from the Governor’s office, TCEQ submitted a FEMA Action Request form for \$35,000,000 in ESF-10 Ike recovery related functions. We have verified that missions under this action request that would be subject to State 25% cost share would have to first be agreed upon by both the EPA and the TCEQ incident commanders. Clarification on mission assignments, if necessary, would be elevated to the Exec office of the TCEQ for resolution. The ESF-10 mission assignments related to this request include:

- Air monitoring and environmental sampling for safety of emergency responders, as well as citizens returning to the area, from debris burning, releases from fixed facilities or mobile sources, and other sources

- Assessment of potential emergency conditions resulting from oil and chemical releases, investigate complaints and assess facilities
- Removal of oil from the major / medium / minor spills
- Cleanups of oil and hazmat emergencies which present actual public health threats
- Reconnaissance, collection, segregation, staging and disposal of hazardous materials and oil in orphan drums, tanks, cylinders
- Collection, bulking, and disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW), to include white goods and electronic goods ("E-Wastes") in those areas not tasked to the USACE under ESF-3
- Preparation and distribution of public information for dissemination in counties/parishes to facilitate EPA Mission Assignments
- Removal and disposal of impacted laboratory chemicals from public and parochial schools
- Removal, disposal and rendering safe of any explosive, up to and including small arms ammunition, long rifle ammunition, and any other devices that are considered explosives from the impacted areas
- Assistance with TCEQ oversight of demolitions and resultant debris disposal. Will follow checklist developed by TCEQ, and will not do any type of regulatory enforcement; observations will be turned over to TCEQ for follow-up.

TCEQ Monitoring Operations Staff will arrive in Beaumont and Houston/Galveston areas (2 Teams) on Sunday to begin Air Monitoring activities. Additional air technicians will arrive on Monday and Tuesday to begin repairing TCEQ stationary monitoring stations.

Disposal of dead cattle in Chambers County is a large project. TCEQ was requested by GDEM to send staff to assist Chambers Co. Judge Sylva. TCEQ coordinating with TAHC on carcass disposal.

Power's coming back up in a lot of areas, but large portions of Beaumont and Houston are still without power and will remain out for a few weeks.

A lot is going on in field. TCEQ Regional office in Houston has power; TCEQ office in Beaumont does not, and is operating on generator power. Both regions have assessment teams in the field, partnered with Civil Support Team members. Houston teams include EPA.

Next supply truck scheduled for Tuesday.

#### Beaumont Office Update:

- Has not had power restored, and is operating on generator power and having difficulty with connectivity.
- Has teams of responders in the field, but the office is not fully operational.
- Office is being used as sleeping quarters for responders, and is receiving basic food/water/ice and other supplies from Austin.
- Assessment activities Thursday, September 18
- Continued to conduct land and water reconnaissance activities to evaluate damage to drinking water, wastewater facilities and locating displaced hazardous materials containers.
- Two Public Water Supply (PWS) Facilities - Both Operating
- Six Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Facilities - All six Operating (one on generator power)
- Fourteen Industries: nine operating on generator power; three non-operational; two operating and flaring/smoking
- Identified 113 orphaned containers for recovery
- Continuing to coordinate with 64<sup>th</sup> CST to plan activities for Friday, September 19, 2008.
- Met with EPA ESF-10 to discuss an orphaned container recovery plan as part of a Unified Command Structure with EPA, US Coast Guard, and Texas General Land Office.
- Coordinated receipt of equipment, supplies, and amenities delivered from CO to assist the recovery staff.

#### Houston Office Update:

- About two/three of regional staff are present.
- Nebraska CST able to assist until the end of the month; moving operations from parking lot inside into a conference room, used as sleeping quarters
- Have had a number of recon teams going out to assess industrial facilities, water supply & wastewater systems; haven't found anything really glaring
- Fuel tanks & generator at TCEQ office; showed up today; waiting for electrician to hook up & waiting for fuel
- Food & supplies very welcome.
- Setting up Unified Command (federal/state/local) in Pasadena; TCEQ will have people there. Redirected trailers and will redirect 6-person bunkhouse to Pasadena; no longer needed at Houston office.

#### Strike Team Update:

- Appreciates effort that went into getting supplies
- Louisiana DEQ offered assistance, possibly assist EPA in east Texas
- Ferries are working from Galveston to Bolivar. ST is concentrating on urban areas, a priority--agency will need to prioritize work on orphan drums there. It is difficult to get to Bolivar & High Island from east.
- Lewellin will include David Bower & Brent Wade in his hurricane group e-mails to coordinate debris issues
- Coordinating with Galveston Fire Dept on HazMat removal issues
- Filled chlorine cylinder on Bolivar issue; trying to get it removed from environment or at least set up an exclusion zone with barrier.
- Meeting this afternoon with CST, contractors, and EPA, to coordinate drum removal. 6<sup>th</sup> CST assistance can continue as long as needed
- Replacement staff need to be able to fill Incident Command positions; suggest Cameron Lopez & Roger Bennett
- Sent ICS 213 request to SOC Military Forces desk to request flyover assistance for R10 Beaumont
- Nebraska & New Mexico CST's will need to return; ST to coordinate demobilization and additional requests for CST assistance
- Teams conducted reconnaissance activities of high priority public water supply and wastewater systems in North and East Houston.
- 12 PWS Facilities evaluated, 11 operating, one system not operating.
- 11 WWTP Facilities evaluated, 10 operating, one system not operating.
- Team deployed to evaluate the condition of a 2,000 gallon chlorine cylinder at Bolivar SUD.

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):** TDA personnel are staffing the SOC. TDA is working with local, state and federal partners as well as statewide agricultural organizations to meet the needs of thousands of agricultural producers impacted by Hurricane Ike. The TDA Hay Hotline is receiving calls from producers wanting to sell or donate animal feed, hay and water troughs. Producers in need of these resources are also encouraged to call the Hay Hotline or visit the TDA website. These calls are being processed accordingly. TDA and TAHC continue to work with AgriLife extension to obtain donations of fencing supplies and other supplies to support livestock. TDA Staff are working with Texas State Animal Resource Team (TXSART). TDA is providing USDA commodities to impacted areas. TDA worked with USDA to provide infant formula to Houston and Beaumont.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ):** TDCJ reports that the 153 Trustee Offenders, and 25-30 Officers assigned to respond Presidio, Texas, have completed their assigned mission. They have all returned to their units of assignment. No further support is requested at this time.

**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS):** A complete listing of DFPS office closures is available on the website. Agency continues to plan for re-entry and demobilization. HHSC RAS teams are assessing agency offices in the affected areas and determining the viability of offices. DFPS is working on plans to provide services in affected areas in the event offices are not habitable. All offices in Regions 4 and 7 are open. Offices are starting to open in Region 5 and 6. Statewide intake evacuation hotline is up and taking calls. Regions report no unmet needs at this time. DFPS are monitoring reports that involve children or elderly victims.

**Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS):** Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) in Houston requesting DADS Regional staff to assist coordinating nursing facilities placement instead of general population shelter. George R. Brown shelter in Houston has been used as a general pop shelter, and people are now getting out. Before they are consolidated, people will need to be evaluated to see if they need nursing facilities, so they won't go to centers in Houston and then have to go somewhere else. The concern is placements may need to be for up to three months due to the conditions in Galveston and other places. DADS was asked to identify available nursing facilities beds in the Houston area that can be occupied by these folks.

**Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):** Noted ICS 213 request #1982 from TMF for communications support of Pasadena police station. SOC Controller confirmed the request was resolved by TMF on September 19.

**Texas Department of Insurance (TDI):** The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) field offices will reopen in all locations other than Beaumont by Monday. TDI staff are providing insurance assistance at Disaster Recovery Centers located in Houston, San Antonio, Woodville, Kountze, Orange and Kennard. TDI has issued several bulletins to the insurance industry relating to Hurricane Ike. This site contains information regarding the TDI bulletins, FEMA payments, the National Flood Insurance Program, claim forms for the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) and the Texas FAIR Plan, safety tips for consumers. In addition, TDI's toll-free Consumer Help Line (1-800-252-3439) is maintaining extended hours, operating Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 7 p.m. TDI encourages consumers to be alert to all forms of insurance fraud; report insurance fraud toll-free by calling 888-327-8818. TDI has updated its Hurricane Ike Consumer Resource Page on its website at <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/consumer/storms/cpmhurrike.html>.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS continues to support operations in Galveston, Houston and Lufkin area. DDC's 2A and 2B continue support operations. DPS continues to provide escort and security to affected area. Personnel in the affected area number 800+. The DPS has issued a directive providing a 45 day warning period for personnel transporting hay and related commodities to victims of Hurricane Ike. This applies to violations for vehicle registrations and vehicle inspections.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** Personnel from TAHC, along with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Veterinary Service (USDA-APHIS-VS), have deployed 23 personnel to Beaumont and another five to Santa Fe to assist with impact assessment and response operations. They are continuing to identify live livestock concentrations, assessing the needs and locations for carcass disposal, and checking on the status of the veterinary infrastructure in the impacted areas. Fifty (50) of the 2,000 pet cages, obtained from the State Veterinarian's office in Louisiana, were shipped to Bay City today for their sheltering operations.

Response teams from both Florida (six personnel and their mobile equipment) and New Mexico (four personnel and equipment) are assisting TAHC in assessment operations. Over 20 TAHC and USDA-APHIS-VS personnel are staffing applicable DDC's, the SOC, and the TAHC Area Command in their Central Office in Austin.

The executive director of the Texas State Animal Resource Team (TXSART), assisted by personnel from USDA-APHIS-Animal Care, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) are working in the TAHC Area Command to coordinate sheltering support for small animals. They're also coordinating with TXSART Advisory Council member



organizations to credential selected animal care groups that are handling the myriad of animal issues in the impacted areas. From information received so far, approximately 110 pets accompanied "special needs" individuals on buses evacuated from risk areas prior to the storm, and a total of around 2,000 pets were sheltered in hosting communities. Nineteen pet shelters are reportedly still open with almost 1,500 animals remaining.

In view of the large numbers of potentially dead animals in the impact zone (possibly as many as 5,000), TAHC and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) asked for and were granted federal carcass disposal assistance support through the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and that organization is now working with contractors in local communities to assist with animal debris removal operations. It continues to be emphasized by livestock veterinarians that dead animal carcasses from the disaster are not "diseased," but simply "debris," and they should be treated as such during cleanup operations.

TAHC and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) continued working with AgriLIFE Extension to obtain donations of fencing supplies, hay, water troughs, portable panels, livestock transportation vehicles, etc. for immediate care of the stranded livestock. Additionally, the One Star Foundation, Texas 2-1-1, the Texas Farm Bureau, and other agriculture producers and stakeholders and local officials, are working with these agencies to help seek and distribute appropriate resources and supplies at designated agriculture points of distribution (APOD's) in the Cities of Anahuac and Orange. The State is contracting with vendor trucking organizations to facilitate the transportation of the donated supplies to the APOD's.

Texas Animal Health Commission and USDA personnel flew a second reconnaissance mission yesterday, aboard a National Guard helicopter, to survey the impacted areas, and concentrations of live and dead cattle were found in areas where livestock were not expected to be. The TAHC team in Galveston County will be demobilizing today with the conclusion of the livestock assessment operations and checks of the veterinary infrastructure.

**Texas Procurement & Support Services (TPASS):** TPASS continues to coordinate bus transport assets from state contracted bus operators. TPASS is also in contact with contingency contract holders to ensure delivery of goods/services at the RSA's, shelters, kitchens, refueling points and POD sites. TPASS is currently coordinating with contractors to receiver items from locations that are demobilizing.

**Sun Coast:** Sun Coast Resources continues to provide fuel support for the RSA's, refueling points, kitchens, bus staging sites and POD sites.

**Texas Task Force Ike:** SAR operations are closing and team members are being reassigned. Type II Incident Management Team has secured a location to relocate the base camp and is coordinating the relocation effort. POD operations are ongoing. The Texas City POD location was turned over to DDC Houston.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):**

**MSN SHELTERS:**

- There are currently 24 medical special needs (MSN) shelters open throughout Texas; the current census is approximately 1,500. MSN shelters will continue to open to respond to the needs of the affected regions. The primary goal today is to consolidate MSN shelters to the Houston area; however, some jurisdictions are still not accepting patients. DSHS continues to deploy additional public health, first responders, and other support staff to provide relief to those currently working throughout the affected areas that are now at the end of their deployment period. Additional relief for hospital staff and ambulance strike teams is underway. Additional information is being compiled on patient acuity and area of origin in order to assess appropriate transportation assets and the ability of a jurisdiction to receive them.
- Baptist Child & Family Services (BCFS) is completing a draft plan for consolidation of MSN shelters.

**TRANSPORTATION ASSETS:**

- Ambulances available – 400
- ParaTransit Seats – 1,500
- Air Assets – one Fixed Wing, three Rotor Wing

**VECTOR CONTROL:**

- Mosquito control programs in Harris, Jefferson, Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Ft. Bend and Orange Counties are currently conducting and documenting mosquito landing rate counts in their respective areas.
- Mr. Joe Conlon with the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) has offered AMCA assistance if needed.
- Entomologists with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be conducting mosquito landing rate counts in those disaster counties that lack mosquito control programs.
- DSHS has developed and is currently implementing a Vector Control Plan. Mosquito Control District programs have initiated mosquito landing rate counts in preparation of intervention at the appropriate time.

**CALL CENTER:**

- The Reentry Person Locator Call Center is currently operational 0700 hrs to 2200 hrs and available to assist in locating evacuees.

**DMORT:**

- Continuing collaboration with DMORT staff.
- Unidentified remains in Texas (projected number of 20-25) will be transported to DPMU (to be located in Louisiana) for ID, re-casketing, and return.
- 16 disinterred caskets remain unidentified at Hollywood Cemetery in Orange.

**APHT:**

- Applied Health Team (APHT) of federal and state experts including epidemiologists, sanitarians and a disaster response engineer to support local jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Ike in community and shelter assessments and recovery operations. The APHT has arrived in Austin and DSHS staff is meeting with APHT command team today, 9/20/2008. Part of the team (one epidemiologist, one sanitarian and one disaster response engineer) will be deployed to Orange on Monday, 9/21/2008.

**DEMOBILIZATION:**

- Finalized plan for demobilization.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):** TXDOT is currently clearing debris on major routes to open roadways for emergency responders. TXDOT is inspecting roads and bridges for damage assessments and monitoring road conditions throughout the affected areas. Road conditions continue to be updated on the TXDOT Website. TXDOT electronic message signs are displaying messages regarding road closures and limited fuel.

**Texas General Land Office (GLO):** GLO is in Jefferson County providing boat support to local law enforcement for cadaver recovery efforts. They are also assessing oil and gas production facilities in Sabine Lake and checking on a reported pipeline leak on the Gulf beach near McFaddin NWR. Personnel operating in Harris and Galveston Counties will be conducting spill cleanup monitoring along the Houston Ship Channel and Portofino Harbor in Clear Lake. Personnel will also be conducting pollution assessments in Dickinson, San Leon and Redfish Island. GLO will continue Aerial Inspections of coastal leases.

One Beach Team member will be going to Surfside on Monday to assist the locals with emergency permitting to facilitate repairs.

All Texas State Veterans Homes are back on routine operations. Veterans Land Board is reviewing the possibility of loan relief options and the cost involved.

**Texas Military Forces (TXMF):** The TXMF were activated on September 7, 2008 at the request of the Governor in support of Hurricane Ike. The TXMF has been tasked to activate up to 7,500 personnel. The TXMF have supported the following coastal communities: Victoria, Bay City, Galveston, Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, Vidor, Port Neches, Pasadena, Houston, Columbus, Lufkin, Carthage, Madisonville, Tyler, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Garland, San Antonio, Minneola, Marshall, Longview and the Coastal Bend area. TMF have supported bus staging areas, ground evacuation hubs, temporary fuel points, air evacuations hubs, ground/air SAR operations and shelter operations. The TXMF is also supporting re-entry operations (Mass Care Strike Teams Resource Staging Areas and Points of Distribution) and Task Force Ike operations.

**Texas Office of Attorney General (OAG):** A toll-free, emergency hotline number remains open to help Hurricane Ike evacuation shelters better enforce their registered sex offender policies. Law enforcement officials manning the hotline will be able to inform shelters about whether they are housing registered sex offenders.

When shelter personnel contact the Safe Shelter Hotline at (866) 385-0333 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., law enforcement officials will access state databases of registered sex offenders and can inform callers whether any of the hurricane evacuees housed at the shelter are registered in the database. Callers will need to provide the names, addresses and dates of birth of evacuees in order to ensure thorough database searches. Shelter managers can use this information as necessary to coordinate specialized housing arrangements for registered sex offenders at their facilities.

The Office of the Attorney General also continues to operate its Consumer Complaint Hotline, (800) 252-8011. Consumers can call the hotline between the extended hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to report price gouging on necessities, including groceries, clothing, medical supplies, lodging, repair work and fuel during and after such crises. Complaints can be made on-line 24 hours per day, seven days per week, on the OAG website. The Website can be accessed at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov).

Investigators have been dispatched to various areas of the state to follow up on complaints of price-gouging.

Since Friday, September 12th, the Office of the Attorney General has received 529 consumer complaints. One hundred six of the complaints were in reference to consumables. Fifty-two of these complaints were referred for further investigation. There have been 261 complaints regarding fuel issues. Fifty-nine of these complaints are being investigated further. There have been eighty-two complaints about lodging. Sixty-nine of these complaints have been referred for further investigation. There have been eighty other miscellaneous complaints, forty-five of which are being investigated.

Information from consumers regarding price-gouging on fuel is being shared with the fuel team and Texas Department of Agriculture for evaluation.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Supervisors here at Beaumont SAR reported the following:

**Bolivar Peninsula:** Major Young's team assisted Galveston County Sheriff's office with removal of several "residents" seeking shelter at a local school and moved them to another location. His team also assisted the Wild Horse Foundation with the rounding up of several horses on the peninsula.

**Orange County:** The day team continues to patrol the Intercoastal Waterway. This team reported seeing a large amount of barge traffic waiting for the ICW to open. The night team is out patrolling the ICW for illegal activity. This 213 will end at 4:00 am Monday.

**City of Vidor:** Captain Sorola reported that the Orange County EOC has relocated to Vidor PD and all out-of-town fire departments have returned to their headquarters. A few DPS Troopers and Game Wardens continue to patrol the city of Vidor and Rose City for illegal activities. This 213 will expire on Monday at 4:00 am.

**Chambers County:** Game Warden units, airboats and the Department helicopter with Col. Peter Flores, Major Ted Tolle and Lt. Quint Balkcom on board flew Chambers County. They were able to mark over 45 debris piles. A team of Game Wardens will return tomorrow with airboats to plan on how to bring in teams of cadaver dogs on Sunday. This 213 expires Monday.

**Hardin County:** Captain's unit assisted the Hardin Sheriff's office with a family disturbance call. His team conducted numerous stops in neighborhoods and housing developments without electricity and in various areas of the county. No illegal activities were found. Captain Baker's team received good responses from citizens checked due to curfew violations. They were very appreciative of the Game Wardens efforts and presence. Curfew hours are still in effect. Hardin County Sheriff's Department is very appreciative of the Department's presence in the county.

**Beaumont Command Center:** Reports indicated that approximately 70% of electrical service has been restored in Hardin County. This 213 will be re-assessed on Sunday. The Beaumont District reports that it has been overwhelmed with calls related to alligators. These are being address on an individual case.

**Tyler County:** Curfew lifted Friday Tyler County. Power restored along major highways, in Woodville and Spurger. Last night, no arrests and two to three citations. Community very largely expresses thanks for our presence.

**Polk County:** Continue assisting Sheriff's Office. Seventy-eight percent power restored as of last night

**Presidio:** Although the Rio Grande River flow has decreased slightly during the last several hours, this is a temporary action. The Luis Leon Reservoir has slowed their release rate in order to allow workers in the Presidio area time to shore up the levee. But as soon as Luis Leon reaches a certain capacity, then another large slug of water will be released and the strain on the levee will be greater than it is currently. Captain Newman and four Game Wardens are on standby in Presidio. Between our 4 boats and Wardens, plus the Border Patrol assets, we feel we are adequately staffed at this time. Region 1 is ready to deploy more boats and Wardens if needed. It appears that the flooding will continue for several days and now, thunderstorms are in the forecast.

TPWD has been tasked to deploy 50 Game Wardens to meet with 100 DPS troopers on Galveston Island on September 23, 2008 to begin work September 24, 2008 at 6 a.m.

Jasper team report: Curfew lifted for Jasper County. Electrical power greatly improved but a few areas still out. Wardens detained one subject for possible PI turned out to be drug overdose. Subject transported to hospital by EMS. North team located pistol in roadway that may have been used in shooting incident. Pistol turned over to Jasper SO.

**Texas Railroad Commission (RRC):** Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) Kilgore and Houston District offices are continuing field surveillance of storm impacted counties and will address petroleum related incidents as they are discovered or reported through normal business. The RRC SOC Team received and assisted in one Ike related request in the last 24 hours. Sunoco Logistics requested assistance in notifying PUC and Entergy of their urgent need for power to the Nederland Marine Pipeline Terminal between Beaumont and Port Arthur. The RRC SOC Team will continue addressing incidents reported to the State Operations Center until the team is released by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

**Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):** Workforce Centers Closed: Workforce Solutions San Jacinto, Tyler County, Trinity City, Houston City, Sabine County, San Augustine, Newton County, Beaumont, Silsbee, Orange, Port Arthur; The Worksource-Northshore, Heights, Midtown, Northeast, Clear Lake,

Denver Harbor, Liberty, Astrodome, Galveston, Waller, Westheimer, Winnie, Alvin, Lake Jackson and Katy.

- Hurricane Ike NEG is being processed by US DOL.
- Temporary workforce centers have been established in evacuation centers in Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Austin and across the state to assist those affected by the disaster with assistance filing disaster-related unemployment claims. The Southeast WF Board has deployed its mobile office unit to Bridge City in support of the FEMA's MDRC is located.
- TWC is supporting/staffing the MDRC's and DRC's as needed to deliver workforce services support until operations close

#### Unemployment Insurance:

- To expedite the claims process a 1-800 number was established just for employers in the affected areas who have had to lay off workers temporarily to provide separation dates to TWC – number is 1-866-932-1332.
- Employer hotline for reporting layoffs is on employer page of agency website.
- Contractor is preparing Houston Tax Office to be functional when power is back on.
- Mail: The USPS is giving shelter residents an official address to use for receiving mail. TWC is accepting that address on claims and informing claimants to let TWC know when it changes.
- As of September 17, 2008 TWC has taken over 11K claims as a result of Hurricane Ike. Due to the number of evacuees in shelters across the state there is no accurate breakdown by county.
- TWC has hired 103 employees and will hire another 36 in the next few days. The TWC continues to hire as appropriate.
- TWC is working with AT&T and the Governor's office to get expedited assistance to add an additional 168 phone lines. Inadequate phone lines is tremendously hindering our ability to serve customers.
- Due to Hurricane Ike TWC is extending hours of operations to 8 a.m. to 7.p.m. Monday-Friday.
- This weekend TWC will continue to send staff to designated shelters from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take claims via laptops. In the Houston area TWC will be utilizing Houston TAX staff and in other areas TWC will utilize Call Center staff. The following weekend TWC will continue to be at the shelters and will also have TeleCenters open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. which will allow us time to publicize the new hours.
- Continue outreaching to heavily emphasize the need for employers to call the hotline to supply TWC with separation information. Very often individuals may still be on the employers' payroll.
- Continue to explore any and everything possible to assist Texans as quickly as TWC possibly can.
- To clarify for all concerned:
  - Regular UI Claims for the affected area have an Incident Period effective date of September 7, 2008
  - Per US DOL, DUA claims have an effective date of September 14, 2008
  - US DOL forwarded TWC's request for DUA to FEMA on 9/17. TWC anticipates FEMA funding DUA before the first payment (debit card) is ready for release.

A "Hurricane Ike" web-page is now on our web (one click off of our front page): <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/ikeinfo.html>

#### Short-Term Employment Needs of Ike Evacuees -

TWC has been notified that some Ike evacuees may be in need of short-term temporary employment to assist them in earning some immediate money. TWC has been asked if TWC would consider excluding these individuals from performance. Boards may convert WIA Dislocated Worker funds into a Local Activity Fund to serve this population, and may provide job search, and provide necessary support services (including transportation). TWC will consider this to be a "specialized" service, which will exclude individuals served from performance.

The Texas Workforce Commission wants you to know you may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment benefits. Individuals who are self-employed also may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment benefits. To apply, file online [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org) or call TWC UI Tele-center at: Austin, (512) 340-4300; Dallas, (972) 339-6200; El Paso, (915) 832-6400; San Antonio, (210) 258-6600; Fort Worth, (817) 420-1600; Houston, (281) 983-1100; McAllen, (956) 984-4700 or (800) 939-6631.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs:** TDHCA is working with FEMA and GDEM to manage transitional housing issues. TDHCA personnel continue to staff the SOC bunker as well as the FEMA Joint Field Office. Hurricane housing resources for individuals and communities are on the agency's website. Community action agencies within the affected counties have been contacted and advised that they may be called upon to serve additional persons based on transpiring events. TDHCA is reminding all affordable housing rental owners statewide to keep their apartment vacancy information current as they supply that information to TDHCA. Information is ready for local communities regarding possible post-disaster housing assistance and will provide any technical assistance necessary to help these communities apply for post-disaster housing funds.

### 3. AREAS AFFECTED:

**Brazoria County:** The EOC is still activated. Still in communication with EOC's in Alvin, Angleton, Brazoria, Brookside, Clute, Danbury, Freeport, Jones Creek, Lake Jackson, Liverpool, Manvel, Oyster Creek, Pearland, Quintana, Richwood, Surfside, Sweeny, and West Columbia. Three shelters still are open, partly filled with returning evacuees. Power outages continue to decrease, however they continue to cause problems. First wave of evacuees from Bell County returned home to Brazoria, Sweeny, West Columbia, and Angleton. The City of Lake Jackson reported that the CenterPoint workers arrived in their area. 30% of power has been restored.

The City of Freeport reported their POD has been established and operational. They still are searching for generators and a site for debris burning. Chain saw crews are working in their area. An assessment of the electrical outage in the City will begin on September 20, 2008.

The City of Surfside reported they are continuing with roadblocks and have opened Treasure Island. Police and Fire Departments are working 24/7 to keep problems to a minimum. Ice and water are being issued; ice and water will be needed again on September 20, 2008. The Salvation Army has been serving meals. Fuel resource is adequate.

The City of Pearland's POD continues to distribute ice, water, and MRE's.

The City of Angleton reported they are monitoring both of the shelters in the City. A church group from Kentucky arrived at Second Baptist Church and were setting up a kitchen to serve meals to volunteers, first responders, and others in need. They also will have chain saw crews available to assist the City.

The City of Danbury reported they received ice and water as requested. Their water and sewer systems still are on generator power. The generator for City Hall and the fire department has cratered. Angleton offered the use of a generator they no longer were using. The City received MRE's on 09/19/08 for distribution to residents.

The City of Jones Creek reported 65% of power has been restored; however they still are not prepared for their 2-1-1 residents to return home. The City planned to re-open their POD on 09/19/08, when ice and water arrived. The Terrace is on generator power.

The University of Texas Medical Branch opened four clinics on the mainland on 09/18/08, from which residents can obtain their medications. They are: Texas City Clinic at 6400 Memorial Drive at the intersection of HWY 3 and Memorial (409-938-8466); League City Pediatrics and Family HealthCare, 6465 South Shore Blvd., Suite 500 at the intersection of HWY 96 and South Shore Blvd., directly behind Kroger (281-538-7735); Friendswood Pediatric, Adult and Specialty Care, 128 West Parkwood at the corner of 528 and 518, next to 24 Hour Fitness (281-482-5695); and After Hours Pediatric Urgent Care, 3023 Marian Bay Blvd., League City, TX (281-334-6578). Open weekdays from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends, from noon until 8 p.m.

The Blue Roof Program has been set up at temporary offices at the courthouse; they hope to begin taking applications on Sunday, September 21, 2008. They will contact the EOC to advise the estimated start date and the EOC will provide this information as soon as possible.

The Bell County shelter head count totaled 388. The plan is to return Lake Jackson and Clute residents home on September 20, 2008. Freeport was given a deadline of 2:00 p.m. to turn in their paperwork in order for their residents to be on buses.

TABC has provided 11 agents from out of the area. Six are working at night; four are working at Surfside.

ARC reported there currently are three shelters and all are at capacity. Two are in Angleton; one is in Brazoria.

DPS will be providing an additional 30 troopers. TXMF will continue to supporting the PODs. Industry representative reported no environmental issues; no gas releases. Actions, Inc. reported they are delivering meals and provided transportation from the Hubs on September 19, 2008.

**Brazos County:** The Brazos County CEOC is in the process of transferring evacuees to only two shelters.

**Chambers County:** Chambers County continues to successfully coordinate three PODs. The Sheriff's Department is coordinating with several State and Federal agencies to assist with animal issues. Public Works is also working with State and Federal partners in assessing and repairing critical infrastructure. The County is continuing to secure shelter resources for displaced citizens.

**Galveston County:** There are five confirmed fatalities. City of Galveston and Galveston County top priorities include:

- re-entry
- urban search and rescue
- aerial reconnaissance
- essential requests and public health and safety

**Counties issuing disaster declarations:** Anderson; Brazos; Burleson; Caldwell; Chambers; Collin; Denton; Ellis; Fort Bend; Grayson; Grimes; Gregg; Harrison; Henderson; Houston; Hunt; Jasper; Jefferson; Kerr; Kirbyville; Lamar; Leon; Liberty; Limestone; Madison; McLennan; Menard; Navarro; Newton; Panola, San Jacinto; Smith; Tarrant; Upshur; Waller; Washington; Wood;

**Cities issuing disaster declarations:** Brenham ; Bryan, Cleveland; Corsicana; Crockett; Gladewater; Grapeland; Jasper; Kennard; Kilgore; Kosse; Lakeport; Latexo; Liberty; Longview; Lovelady; Menard; Milano; Mt. Pleasant; Newton; Palestine; Port Arthur; Rockdale; Taylor Lake Village; Texarkana; Thorndale; Waco; White Oak;

**Harris County/City of Houston:** All City of Houston departments have been engaged during the response phases of Hurricane Ike. Departments are continuing assessments of facilities and infrastructure.

The CMOC continues to coordinate Medical Operations for the region, to include the City. Hospitals are beginning to come back online. Operational hours have been curtailed to 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. The MACG is currently being coordinated by the EMC in Fort Bend County, and regular conference calls are being held that include representation from the City of Houston. GDEM continues to provide an RLO in the EOC, who has been trying to help the City of Houston track unmet resource requests. All federal agencies represented in the EOC (DHS, FEMA, USACE) continue to support resource requests. Significant unmet needs at this time include management of medical special needs in a community with over 50% of the population still being without electrical power.

Ongoing Shelter Operations at the GRB transitioning to a pure Medical Special Needs Shelter. All general population evacuees are being moved to other shelter sites as they become available. Four Red Cross shelters were open on Friday, September 19. As of 8:00 p.m. CDT, 419 remain in the GRB. Coordination between Red Cross sites has continued to create some confusion on movement during transition from the GRB to other shelter locations.

POD sites have been operating for four days and are reducing operations. The Mobile POD operations have been suspended. This has been a combined planning and execution effort between the City of Houston, Harris County, CERT Volunteers, as well as Federal and State assets.

The POD locations are operating on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. PODs in the Houston city limits will not have water. Most PODs will have only ice. Some PODs will have Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). The POD at Clyde Abshire, Deer Park Football Stadium will close permanently at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 20, 2008.

Three hospitals continue to have needs for deliveries of water and ice, and two still need diesel for generator operations. Mobile POD will be in operation to support fixed facilities.

**Orange County:** Orange County top priorities include:

- re-entry
- urban search and rescue
- aerial reconnaissance
- essential requests and public health and safety

Williamson County Mobile Communications Task Force is providing all mobile communications and EOC support in Orange County. In anticipation of a potential re-opening of area schools next week, with the exception of Bridge City ISD, IMT personnel have located alternate RSA and ICP sites. Daily relocation of citizens to the shelter at Kelly Air Force Base has ended. A system has been established to provide transportation to Houston-area shelters for a decreasing number of citizens who self-present seeking evacuation. A request has been made to the State to begin, on September 22, 2008, the relocation of special needs residents to Orange County from hosting jurisdictions.

Fire protection resources activated by TFMAS have been reduced. Remaining assets include 2 engines and 1 chief officer. These resources are assigned to Bridge City. All other TIFMAS resources originally activated to support Orange County have been re-assigned to the Texas City area.

Curfews remain in effect in the County. The Bridge City curfew is from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., and Beaumont curfew is from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. The remainder of Orange County is under a midnight to 6 a.m. curfew.

Public water and wastewater systems continue to stabilize. In accordance with Texas Environmental Quality Commission (TCEQ) recommendations, a boil water notice remains in effect for the water systems supplying Bridge City and the Little Cypress area of Orange County.



The Public Works Response Team (PWRT) completed the water and wastewater system assessments as requested. There being no additional assessments required, the team was re-deployed to Chambers County. Rose City continues to have no water or sewer services; however, the Mayor stated today at a news conference both are anticipated to be operational by the first of next week.

Type 3 IMT personnel continue to assist Orange County EOC with planning, resource and request tracking and development of an incident action plan. The Orange County EOC has changed operational hours. As of 6 p.m. today, EOC operations will change to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The County Judge, along with mayors from county-wide jurisdictions, conducted a news conference today in Bridge City. Key issues presented during the news conference focused on short term and long term housing.

Storm surge damage in Bridge City was extensive with 99% of homes flooded. Two IMT members continue assisting Bridge City officials with assessment and planning. Status of operational items in Bridge City:

- Food service has been established through Pathfinders meals. Current capability is 4,500 meals per day. The organization has agreed to provide three hot meals daily to first responders until further notice.
- The Bridge City EOC has established sleeping quarters for a total of 102 personnel. These facilities are located at the Bridge City Hall Complex.
- Shower facilities have been established at the Bridge City Complex with a total of 12 showers for first responders.
- Laundry facilities consisting of two commercial washers and two commercial dryers have been established in the Bridge City Public Works building.
- Three portable buildings at the Bridge City site will house the Incident Command Post (ICP) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC), City Manager's Office as well as Finance, Purchasing and Human Resource offices.
- Land line phone service has been re-established at City Hall and the ICP
- Radio communications for first responders is at 100%
- Cell service has been restored with the installation of a cell on wheels (COW) at the Verizon cell tower.
- All roads are accessible.

Baptist Hermann Memorial Hospital, Orange, is operational and accepting patients.

Power restoration continues to improve with this remaining a primary concern for local elected officials still affected by power outages. The local power provider now projects power restoration to the Orange and Vidor area to be 100% by September 21, 2008 to customers who can safely connect.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) began immunizations today for first responders and essential personnel. TDAP immunizations will be made available to the general public beginning September 22, 2008. Immunizations will begin in Bridge City first.

School administrators met today and are developing a plan to start classes within the next week with the exception of Bridge City ISD.

Continuity of government is ongoing. The Orange Post Office has commenced operations and has resumed mail deliveries. The Cities of Orange and Pine Forest have resumed regular garbage collection services.

FEMA has established a Mobile Emergency Registration Center at the Bridge City High School in Bridge City. This center opened immediately following today's news conference. American Red Cross (ARC) has established four (4) fixed and mobile feeding sites in Orange, Bridge City and Rose City. The Salvation Army (TSA) has established four fixed and mobile feeding sites in Orange, Bridge City, West Orange and Vidor. Pathfinders has established a feeding site in Bridge City and is performing door-to-door welfare checks.

Texas Task Force 1 and 2 were released to staging, Reliant Park, Houston. TXMF are engaged in POD Operations. TFS is assisting Orange County EOC with planning, resource and request tracking and development of Incident Action Plan for each 12-hour operational period. They also are assisting Bridge City with assessment and planning. TFS is conducting relocation operations of evacuated citizens to Pasadena, supervising POD operations, and conducting staging operations for commodities and State resources. One Public Works Response Team assigned to Orange County assisting local jurisdictions with public infrastructure damage assessment, has completed its mission and was re-assigned to Chambers County.

**Tyler County:** Tyler County Judge rescinded the mandatory evacuation order effective September 15<sup>th</sup>. A Modification of Emergency Curfew Order was made effective September 18, 2008. A mandatory curfew was ordered for the general population. The mandatory curfew was rescinded effective 1:00 PM, September, 19, 2008.

Debris removal has begun. The debris must be separated into four groups as follows: normal household garbage, construction and demolition materials, vegetative debris, and appliances. This is crucial to ensure fast and efficient clean up of the city. Normal garbage schedules have resumed.

The Mayor has amended curfew times from 12:00 a.m. midnight to 5:00 a.m. This mandatory curfew will be in effect until further notice.

There are currently two POD locations available for supplies one at Lomax Jr. High located at 9801 N. Ave. L. and the other at La Porte High located at 301 E. Fairmont Parkway. The plan is to consolidate to one location which will be the High School.

Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of the free Blue Roof Program run by the Army Corps of Engineers which is set up at Bayshore Baptist Church located at 11315 Spencer Hwy from 8am - 6 pm to get assistance which includes the installation of commercial grade tarps for homes that have suffered roof damages during the hurricane. The number is 1-888-766-3258.

The La Porte Library located at 600 S. Broadway will be open Friday and Saturday from 10 am - 5:00 p.m. with 25 computers that citizens can use to apply for FEMA assistance.

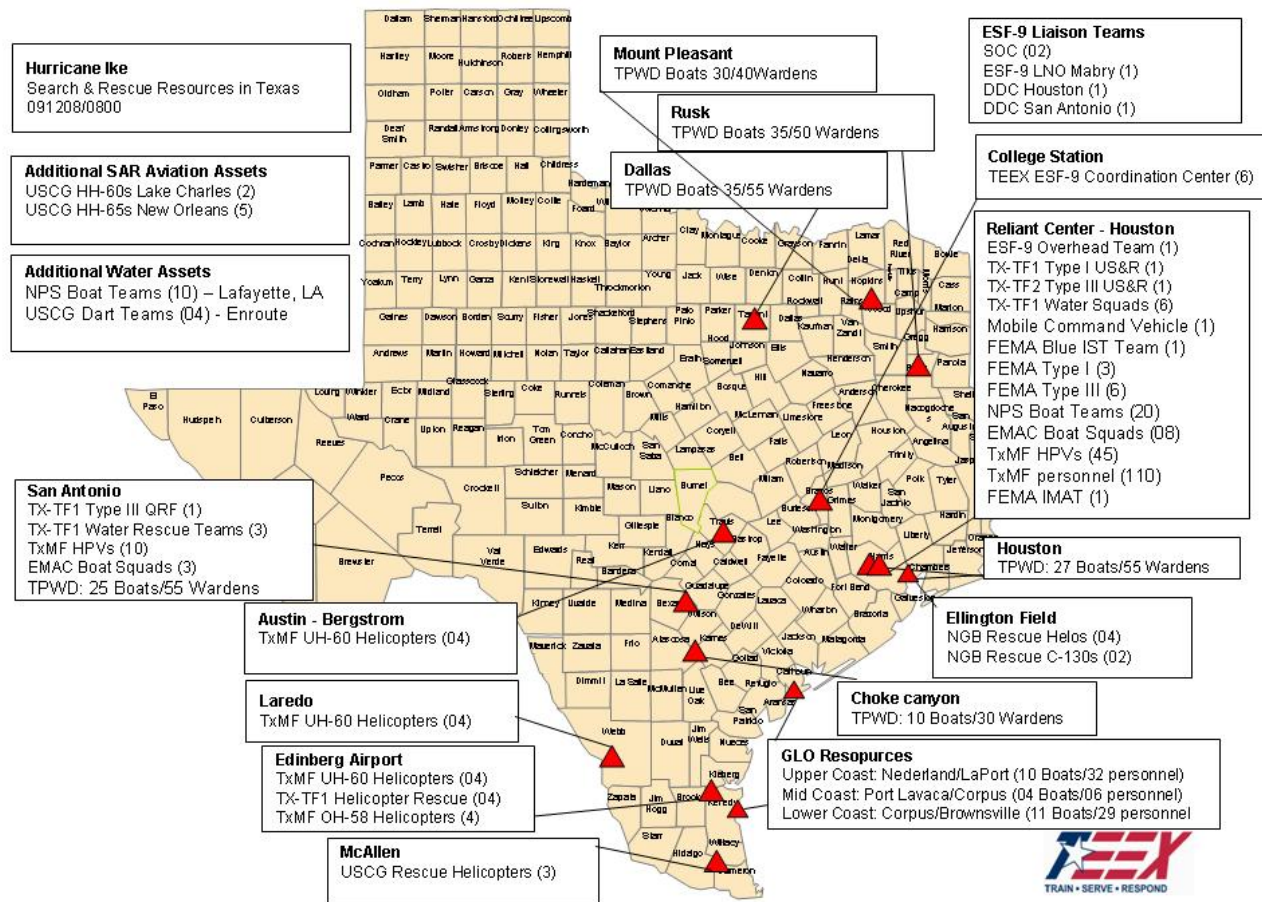
**4. SHELTER INFORMATION:** Anyone requesting a shelter can phone 2-1-1.

Region 3B Hurricane IKE Shelter Count Date/Time: 9/20/07 as of 0700 hrs										
Shelter Name	City	County	Point of Contact	Gener al Pop.	Rpn dr	Special Needs	Total Pop.	Responder Total Pop.	ARC Managed	
Bldg 1537/Rpndr	San Antonio	Bexar	210-215-8243		189		0	2700	N	
Emma Frey Elem	San Antonio	Bexar	210-414-9699	0			600		N	
Pfeiffer Acdmny	San Antonio	Bexar	210-416-7539	0			750		N	
Bldg 1536	San Antonio	Bexar	210-854-3603	1299			8000		N	
Bowie Elementary	San Antonio	Bexar	210-215-1374	0			800		N	
Seguin Coliseum	Seguin	Guadalupe	830-401-2416	0			350		Closed	
Comal Complex	New Braunfels	Comal	830-832-0412	0			2500		Closed	
Willie DeLeon Civic Cntr	Uvalde	Uvalde	830-591-6724	0				200	Closed	
Gonzales Complex	Various	Gonzales	830-672-2716	0			X		Closed	
Alamo Hts Christian	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8611			37	150		N	
Trinity Tripoint	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8611			107	250		N	
Trinity Baptist	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8611			34	250		N	
Alamo Hts UMC	San Antonio	Bexar				43	90			
NE Baptist Church	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8671			44	100		N	
First Presbyterian	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8671			0	58		N	
Park Hills Baptist	San Antonio	Bexar	210-336-5053			26	80		N	
Churchill Baptist	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8671			0	85		N	
Seguin UMC	Seguin	Guadalupe	210-535-0187			0	100		Closed	
Shearer Hills	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8741			0	100		N	
Bandera Rd Community	San Antonio	Bexar	210-206-8741			0	72		N	
Primera Iglesia	San Antonio	Bexar				0	80		N	
Winn FMS	San Antonio	Bexar	210-336-2486			143	250		N	
Kelly 1536 Section D	San Antonio	Bexar	210-336-5101			175	250		N	
				1299	189	609	14945	2900		

**5. RESPONDING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES COMMITTED:**

Agency/Organization	Resources Committed
Texas Forest Service (TFS)	5 Type 3 Regional Incident Management Teams deployed Personnel to support shelter operations Lone Star State Incident Management Team Personnel to various DDC's & EOC's 5 LNO's stationed in the SOC
Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS)	950 Highway Patrol Troopers 4 Helicopters 42 Sergeants, 12 Lieutenants, 7 Captain Communication Command One Trailer
Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	LNO's stationed in the SOC Providing Shelter for 100 DPS Officers in Beeville
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	30 Game Wardens – Beaumont 10 Game Wardens – Jasper 55 Game Wardens – Rusk 50 Game Wardens – Houston 5 Game Wardens – Woodville 5 Game Wardens – Vidor (Orange Co.) 5 Game Wardens – Chambers County 5 Game Wardens – Hardin County 5 Game Wardens – Polk County 5 Game Wardens – Tyler County 5 Game Wardens – Grimes County

Coca-Cola	67 Trailers of Water
Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)	498 Personnel 6 Dozer 22 Loaders 1 Maintainers 320 Other vehicles or trailers 8 Portable Changeable Message Signs 118 Permanent Dynamic Signs
Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)	1322 truck loads of water 1161 truck loads of ice
Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	500 Ambulances 140 Ambulances 7 Fixed Wing aircraft 13 Helicopters – San Antonio 19 Strike Teams w/Task Force Ike
Public Works Response Team (PWRT)	2 LNO stationed in Austin at the SOC 3 Assessment Teams in Orange 2 Resource Teams in Galveston 100+ Members plus vehicles and equipment
Sun Coast	Providing fuel support for San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Lufkin & Beeville
Texas Military Forces (TXMF)	10 UH-60 Helicopters – San Antonio & Kingsville 5 OH-58 Helicopters – San Antonio 5 C130 Aircraft – Corpus Christi High Profile Vehicles – Coastal Bend & San Antonio Personnel – Coastal Bend & San Antonio
Texas Engineering & Extension Service/Texas Task Force One (TEEX/TX-TF1)	ESF-9 Overhead Team - Houston Joint Air-Ground Coordination Team with LNO's - Houston TX-TF1 Type 1 US& R Team - Houston TX-TF2 Type III US&R Team - Houston Quick Response Force – San Antonio TX-TF1 Swiftwater Teams – San Antonio & Houston TX-TF1 Helicopter Rescue Specialists - Austin EMAC Swiftwater Teams – San Antonio & Houston FEMA US&R Teams - Houston
Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)	Assisting DSHS in monitoring Medical Special Needs numbers.
US Border Patrol (USBP)	Standing by to assist with law enforcement support for contra-flow. The USBP will rotate 3 shifts with 4 agents per shift.
American Red Cross	Coordinating sheltering sites with local jurisdictions.



**6. COMMENTS:**

The Governor’s Division of Emergency Management is monitoring the situation and will issue additional reports as necessary. The Hurricane Ike conference calls will be conducted daily at 10:30 a.m. until further notice. The SOC is at Level I (Emergency Conditions) to support Hurricane Ike operations.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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