

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

**SUBJECT: Hurricane Ike**

**SITUATION REPORT # 2**

**DATE AND TIME COVERED: Sunday, September 7, 2008, 6:00 p.m. through  
Monday, September 8, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**

### **1. CURRENT PRIORITIES:**

- a. Prepare for the strike of IKE somewhere along the Texas Coast on or about Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Time: On or about 3:00 a.m. Location: Unknown.
- b. Re-Position, Re-Organize and Re-Constitute the state's logistical support base no-later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Verify and confirm with evacuating jurisdictions the number of Medical Special Needs citizens that require assistance with evacuation.
- d. Determine all methods of assistance to provide state VOAD organizations.

**2. CURRENT SITUATION:** The next 24-36 hours is critical for determination if Ike strikes either the UPPER or LOWER Texas Coast. As Ike emerges into the Gulf early Tuesday morning and through the day Tuesday, it may or may not be impacted by a weather "trough" that is building over the central United States. This "trough" can pull Ike back to the NORTH-NORTHWEST in which case there will be a higher probability of an UPPER Texas Coast Strike. If the "trough" does not impact, then scenarios call for a CENTRAL or SOUTHERN Coast Strike. Bottom-line: Track is unknown at this time. Given the uncertainty of strike location, Texas has commenced preparations for the maximum evacuation of the Texas Coast.

### **3. CONTINGENCY TIMELINE IKE:**

- a. H-120: Occurred Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Time: 11:00 a.m.
- b. H-72: Occurs Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Time: 11:00 a.m.
- c. H-48: Occurs Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Time: 11:00 a.m.
- d. H-36: Occurs Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Time: 11:00 p.m.
- e. H-0: Occurs Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Time: 1100 a.m. Arrival of Tropical Storm Winds.

### **4. PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS: (Current)**

- a. Based on Lessons Learned from Gustav there will be a higher number of MSN evacuees than currently estimated.
- b. Pre-deployment of Response and search and rescue (SAR) capability could occur as early as, on or about PM, Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Evacuation of Special Needs Citizens to begin on or about Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Completed no later than Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Statewide Shelter Network activation complete on or about Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

- e. Statewide Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Organizations will require state and private sector assistance to optimize capability.
- f. Hurricane Ike strikes the Texas Coast as a Category 4/5 Hurricane.

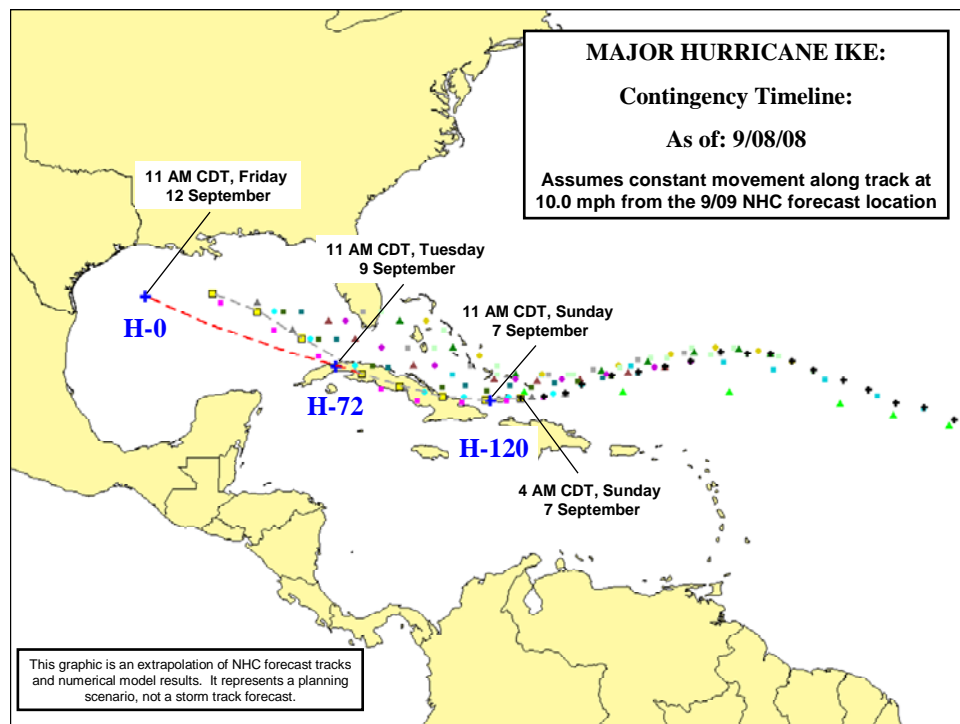
**5. ACTIONS/TASK:**

- a. Texas Military Forces (TMF), SAR, Texas Forest Service (TFS), Baptist Child & Family Services (BCFS) are to bring all capability and capacity up to Level I Readiness. Report progress and unmet needs NLT 4:30 PM Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Alamo Area Regional Command (AARC) and Lufkin Resource Staging Area (RSA) report status and unmet needs no-later than noon, Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Department State Health Services (DSHS) report unmet Medical Special Needs (MSN) requirements NLT 4:30PM, Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Mass Care: Report VOAD and Shelter Operations unmet needs no-later-than 4:30 PM, Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Recommend time for full activation of Statewide Shelter Network.

**6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- a. Ike Readiness Coordination Calls will be Monday (today), September 8<sup>th</sup>. Time: 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday call times will be 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Beginning Wednesday call times will be 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.
- b. Activation of Emergency Management Council will be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Full 24/7 activation: To-Be-Determined.

**7. SUMMARY:** State of Texas prepares for the strike of a catastrophic hurricane, Ike, on the Texas Coast, on or about Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Strike Location: Unknown.



**Alamo Area Regional Command (AARC):** The AARC is currently repositioning, reorganizing, and reconstituting all resources, deployed during Hurricane Gustav, in preparation for response to Hurricane Ike.

**Texas Forest Service (TFS):** TFS is coordinating the preparation of the RSA and preparing the Lone Star State Incident Management Team (Lone Star State IMT) for immediate deployment.

**Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC requested 5 truckloads of water to be delivered to the San Antonio AARC in support of the buses. HHSC ordered 1 ice, 2 reefer, and 2 dry freight trailers to support the kitchens at the AARC in San Antonio. There are 10 water, 1 ice, and 5 dry freight trailers on site in Beaumont standing by to support the RSAs. There are 2 truckloads of ice and 8 dry freight trailers on standby to support the RSA in Lufkin. HHSC has 20 loads of water and 1 load of ice in the warehouse at the RSA in Lufkin.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ is working on extending authorization for the current fuel waivers and is prepared to respond to impacts from Hurricane Ike. The TCEQ Emergency Response Strike Team has been placed on standby. TCEQ has also compiled lists of the public water supply and wastewater facilities in the potentially impacted areas and have updated vital emergency information needed for post storm assessments.

**Resources Staging Area (RSA)** in Lufkin is prepared for response to Hurricane Ike.

**Texas Military Forces (TXMF):** The TXMF activated on 8 September 2008, at the request of the Governor, in support of Hurricane Ike. TXMF is making preparation to activate 7,500 personnel, six C-130 aircraft, ten UH-60 and 5 Oh-58 helicopters and support crews.

**Texas Engineering & Extension Service/Texas Task Force One (TEEX/TX-TF1):** TX-TF1 and Tx-TF2 will be deployment ready on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Baptist Child and Family Services (BCFS):** Will be at a high level of readiness to respond to needs by tomorrow September, 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** The pre-designated Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) for Texas and the Region's VI Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) are co-located with GDEM in Austin partnering with the State in a coordinated joint response effort.

**State Fuel Coordination Team:** Is making preparations to move fuel to impacted areas.

**Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD):** The American Red Cross (ARC), Salvation Army (SA), and Texas Baptist Men (TBM) are coordinating efforts and assets to respond as needed. Texas is activating the Statewide Shelter plan. Local jurisdictions are asked to seek public assistance for donations and food stuffs for VOAD organizations.

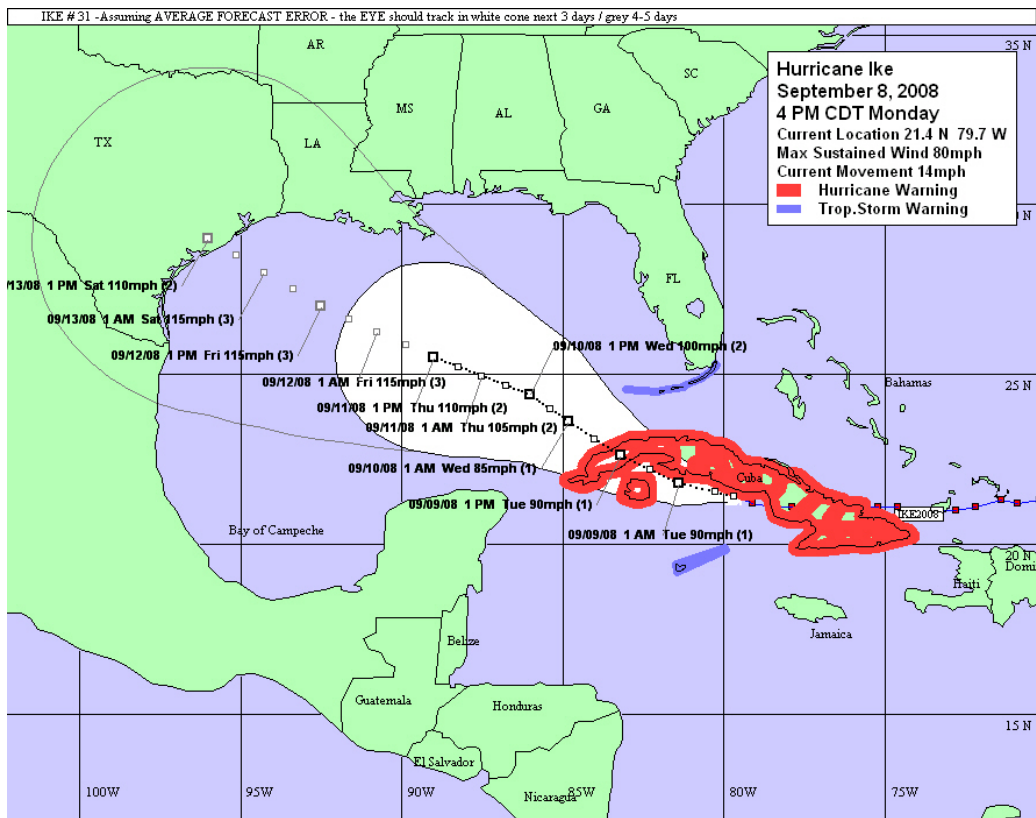
**The State of Oklahoma:** Is prepared to shelter 12,500 medical special needs patients.

At 4:00 pm CDT the center of Hurricane Ike was located near latitude 21.4 north and longitude 79.7 west or about 45 miles southeast of Cienfuegos Cuba and about 215 miles southeast of Havana Cuba.

Ike is moving toward the west near 14 mph but a turn to the west-northwest motion should begin tonight. On this track the center of Hurricane Ike is expected to move along or just south of the southern coast of central Cuba tonight, then move over western Cuba on Tuesday, and emerge into the southeastern Gulf of Mexico by Tuesday night.

Maximum sustained winds are near 80 mph with higher gusts. Ike is a category one hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. A slight increase in intensity is possible if the center remains over water. Strengthening is forecast once Ike moves into the Gulf of Mexico.

Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 35 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 175 miles. The estimated minimum central pressure is 965 mb or 28.50 inches of Mercury.



In preparation for the impact of Hurricane IKE to the State of Texas, the State Operations Center (SOC) began readiness conference calls on Sunday, September 7th, 2008. The SOC is continuing to monitor the situation and coordinating preparedness efforts with the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters, State, Federal, Private Industry Partners and local jurisdictions as the situation progresses.

**8. COMMENTS:**

The Governor’s Division of Emergency Management is monitoring the situation and will issue additional reports as necessary. 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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