

**05 Sept 16**  
**Team Long Beach, MS**  
**Report # 1**

**EM Report**

- Arrived Long Beach; attended meeting to meet Long Beach staff; toured damaged areas.
- Attended City Council meeting for status of operation and to identify needs / concerns.
- Met w/Ashley Skellie, acting PIO and assistant Civil Defense Director.
- Strongly emphasized the procedure for requesting assistance. Requests must go from City to Harrison County to the State of Mississippi EOC. All our requests need to be stated as “pre-coordinated”
- Met w/Robert Peterson, Army Corps of Engineers, regarding FEMA debris removal assistance. He estimated 1 million cubic yards of debris in Long Beach.
- Major concern – reports of Harrison County opting out of FEMA program.
- Major concern – appears no clear line of communication w/FEMA has been established.
- Major concern – obtaining portable facilities to replace damaged city facilities.
- Major concern – ability to provide public information to all affected; team will probably lay foundation for a town hall meeting w/their elected officials, disaster response officials (i.e. FEMA, Red Cross), insurance companies and other appropriate representation.
- Major concern – they have 100% cost reimbursement of category A and B, however they only have 80 vehicles under contract to remove debris thus far.
  
- Goals for tomorrow:
  - Meet w/fire chief/civil defense director for clarification regarding status of documentation for FEMA reimbursement and guidelines.
  - Meet w/Harrison County EOC and make contact w/Colonel Spragens (sp?) and other appropriate contacts. (Located at Gulfport Courthouse.)
  - Make contact w/FEMA contacts located at Sand Beach facility (840 Commerce St., Gulfport.)

**IT Report**

- Arrived Long Beach.
- Briefed by School Board and City.
- School Board felt they were okay at this point and that priority should be given to the city network.
- We did not feel it necessary to survey the area and went right to work at Incident Command
- We established a broad band account at Incident Command
- We set up 4 work stations and a data server for FEMA coordination
- We provided support to the PIO
- The team went to the damaged City Hall and began to salvage equipment.
- We recovered 2 servers, a server rack and some routers that were all operational.
- We also recovered their data back-up for their whole city operations.
- We restored connection to their complete governmental application system.
- We are anticipating completing a site survey of the network for all city facilities and the School Board.

**Finance Report**

- Met w/city finance officials including city clerk, deputy city clerk, purchasing agent and contracted book keeper.
- The School Board finance person is out of town until Monday.

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- Assessed city financial status: minimal funds in bank (300-500k) unreconciled, operation cash flow is poor, bimonthly payroll at 750k and last pay period met 9/15, AP checks payable next Monday/Tuesday estimated at 400k.
- Total general fund budget current year ending 9/30/05 is \$8.3 million.
- Water / sewer budget \$5.1 million.
- Total budget (all funds) \$15 million.
- Assessment of damaged homes and other properties not performed yet. Total homes estimated at 6,000 prior to storm.
- City properties are scheduled to be assessed Monday/Tuesday by insurance broker Sawyer Insurance Company.
  - **FEMA**
    - City met w/project officer assigned to Harrison County, Ben Fernandez (703) 376-7613 cell.
    - No PAC from FEMA assigned yet to city.
    - Debris specialist assigned, Ray White.
  - **Contracts**
    - Debris collection contracts assigned w/two companies.
      1. Necaise Brother's Construction: \$12,750,000
      2. Alabama Emergency Response and Recovery Services: \$12,750,000Total: \$16 per cubic yard, all inclusive.  
They are allowed to burn untreated debris; contractor will separate and do FEMA reporting.
  - **Banking Relations**
    - City banks w/Hancock Bank. The main branch is in Gulfport and is destroyed. One of two branches in Long Beach is destroyed; the other is operational. However, it is not reachable via telephone today.
    - Recommended establishing an alternate banking relationship.
    - Kissimmee, Fl. attempted to wire cash in today; but the local bank did not have the ability to accept the dollars.
  - **Future Property Tax & Utility Collections**
    - May be reduced by 30% or more.
    - The School Board is at maximum tax rate.
    - Impending revenue shortfalls will cause future employee reductions unless alternate revenue sources can be established. Have not discussed financial status assessment w/Long Beach staff.

**Public Information Report**

- Arrived Long Beach; attended meeting to meet city staff; toured damaged areas.
- Attended City Council meeting for status of operation and to identify needs / concerns.
- Met w/city PIO, began to devise outline for a 3-prong, short-term public information campaign.
- Immediate priorities:
  - Formulate Public Information campaign plan.
  - Gather information for flyer to be distributed Saturday/Sunday.
  - Connect w/PIO at the EOC for coordination.
  - Make sure 10 a.m. county EOC briefings are covered.
  - Devise template for weekly newsletter (very user-friendly).

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- Establish email capability; download school / county logos.
- Compile team staff information.
- Process images, begin to compile for team CD.
- Make contact w/national media.

**Palm Bay and Port Orange Police Report**

- Provided security for team command post..
- Provided assistance w/road patrols and assisted as back-up for City of Long Beach police responses.
- Met w/ members of police department to assess and identify personal support needs.
- Will be coordinating w/local Fraternal Order of Police / Police Benevolence Associations to obtain and distribute items. Needed items are: Uniform shirts, personal hygiene items, cleaning items (bleach/cleansers/mops) floppy disks, pads / pens.

**Palm Bay/New Smyrna Fire**

- Palm Bay Fire switched out crews and attended joint City team meeting. Palm Bay crews then supported Long Beach Fire ops.
- NSB fire attended joint City team meeting and will support PIO operation on Saturday.