

Team Mission 8  
Long Beach, MS  
October 26- November 5, 2005

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Travel Summary:

- Nine team members from the Cities of New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange met at NSB's EOC at 6:00 AM on October 26.
- William Whitson, Assistant City Manager of Port Orange greeted the group and provided a brief overview of the mission.
- Members from Kissimmee would meet with the group in Tallahassee to continue onto Long Beach, MS.
- Following personnel and equipment check, three vehicles departed.
- At 09:30 am, we met up with the team from Kissimmee. The group continued on into Long Beach without incident.
- At 6:00 PM (est.), the group arrived at the Long Beach Fire Station and was greeted by the team from Mission 7. After introductions, lodging and logistics, a meeting was held with Mission 7 Team members. Team 8 was taken to the main damage area for preview and explanation of recovery efforts.
- 8:00 PM (est.) team was dismissed for the evening.

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Report #1:

- At 8:00 AM Long Beach representatives, staff and the team members met to discuss what the needs of the mission would require.
- Assisting with FEMA documentation (road repair/replacement costs), Right of entry verification/approval, FEMA housing permitting requests and training of Long Beach personnel for database use and maintenance are the key components of the mission.
- Met with the volunteers providing meals to emergency workers, out of the Masonic Lodge Building. Received a list of goods needed for them to continue their operations. William Whitson, Port Orange advised that there could possibly be some donation monies available for this effort. Don Snell will contact Mr. Whitson to determine what is available.
- Met with Long Beach Officials to set up for training individuals for GIS and Database functions. Email has been sent out to James Jerry Coleman, requesting a meeting concerning the use of interns for this effort. Don Snell will advise as to any progress.
- Vic and Butch are focusing their attention on the RV's. Both NSB and the one from Long Beach are in need of some attention, most being general house keeping/maintenance issues.
- 3:00 meeting with the Long Beach Engineer and FEMA PAC rep to go over FEMA's information requirements.
- Met with the Florida team for Pass Christian, briefed them on our processes and procedures for damage assessments. Showed them our database and GIS information. Provided CDs for the database we are using. This should provide them with a good start for their damage assessments.
- Teams are scheduled to regroup at 8:00 AM for assignments.