

MISSION 3
LONG BEACH, MS
SEPTEMBER 20-29, 2005

Thursday, September 23, 2005

Report 2:

6:30 AM

- Joe Pasquale, Vickery Center in Pensacola, remains on standby in the event Hurricane Rita makes a northerly turn toward Mississippi. All team members are committed to the mission and hopefully we will not have to fall back.

8:00 AM

- At 8:00 AM, eight teams gathered to check equipment, receive maps and final instructions.
- Teams will survey hydrants, wells and mains.
- Radios, digital cameras, extra batteries, markers and pens are distributed.
- Volusia County Property Appraiser Morgan Gilreath and Port Orange IT member Tom Fitzgerald are requested to attend a County meeting in Gulfport, MS.
- The following report is submitted by Gilreath:
 - Tom Fitzgerald, IT, Port Orange and Morgan Gilreath, Volusia County PA, met with a number of City and County Officials in the Harrison County Board of Supervisor/s (our County Council) Conference Room, in Gulfport. The meeting was requested by Tal Flurry, Harrison County Tax Assessor.
 - Attending were representatives from the City of Gulfport, the City of D'Iberville, and the City of Biloxi.
 - The purpose of the meeting was:
 - (1) To brief them on what the Port Orange/New Smyrna Beach/Punta Gorda/Kissimmee/Volusia Team is doing in Long Beach;
 - (2) To see what they are doing in the same areas of Recovery; and
 - (3) To share information, so that, where possible, standardization of data would assist everyone in both short and long term recovery efforts.
 - Tom Fitzgerald led our discussion regarding data/GIS/and related IT issues. Morgan talked about real property damage issues. We discussed initial field visits by all involved and issues found thus far.
 - A number of areas of common ground were found: GIS data efforts were discussed, many similarities and high levels of data compatibility were found. Field data collection regarding issuing building permits, methodologies for viewing of infrastructure damage and private damage were discussed, as well as possibilities for future cooperation and coordination.
 - The meeting concluded with a desire to perhaps meet with the Board of Supervisors again next week before we leave. Tal Flurry is handling that and will let us know.
 - This was the first time these cities had met at this level and discussed what has been going on. They have all responded in a very professional manner, using available data and new technology (especially GIS) to analyze, consolidate and report on an incredibly disastrous circumstance which has touched all of them in ways personal and corporate. Every person we've dealt with has lost something.
 - They all expressed appreciation for our being here.
- Throughout the day, teams are returning to the command center. Each team is logged on a display board for their current position: IN FIELD, BASE, BREAK.
- Checking in for zone reports, Mike Steigerwalk, Logistics Coordinator tracks the teams.

- As the information is returned, IT downloads photos to the database. Reports of infrastructure status are received and entered into the database. This correlation will provide a detailed snapshot of the damage to a specific zone.
- 3:00 PM: Weather reports from the field indicate that squalls are coming in offshore intermittently. Water is standing in the streets in some areas 6 to 8 inches. We are under a tornado warning.
- Gas and water leaks are being noted in the field and reported to Public Works Director Darrell Wilson.
- 6:00 PM: Teams are returning from the field.
- The following damage assessment tasks are complete:
 - Hydrants
 - Water wells
 - Water tanks
 - Water mains
 - All but 2 Sewer lift stations,
- Teams have been through the City twice on the assessment review.

Saturday Projects:

- Drainage system
- Street damage
- Signage
- Manhole verification
- Data entry