

Date: 31 August 2008
Subject: GUSTAV Status/Actions Message 001

Status

- 1) Hurricane GUSTAV track in accordance with computer model consensus will show landfall on the southern LA coast at 0730 CDST on Monday the 1st of September.
- 2) Models show most probable category to be 3
- 3) NW motion at present at 17 mph
- 4) Some slight signs of weakening but should strengthen as GUSTAV moves into the warm northern Gulf of Mexico
- 5) Section Readiness Condition remains at Level 4 - Awareness

Actions

- 1) Continue to keep all ECs, AECs and OES appointees informed
- 2) Monitor 7285 KHz LSB in the daytime and 3873 KHz LSB in the evening for activation of the TEXAS ARES Net. These frequencies will be used for Emergency Operations only. H&W traffic will be handled on 7290 KHz LSB in the daytime and 3935 KHz LSB in the evening
- 3) TEXAS ARES Net activation and coupling with other HF nets in the impacted states will require potential support as relay stations, NCS duties, etc. Please prepare to provide such assistance if necessary
- 4) Prepare to respond to requests to support EOC operations and Red Cross Shelter management. Since there remains some confusion about Red Cross credentialing you should encourage your appointees to check with Red Cross in the area and determine what will be required if such contact has not already been done.

At present activation of the TEXAS ARES net in emergency session will be at the discretion of the STX SM and SEC.

One request, please advise me of the current activity in your districts at this time and please keep a good log of what was done so that we can compile a report at the conclusion of this event.

I have copied KG5TL the SEC of STX on this message for his information and confirmation that the NTX section will support needed operations just as quickly and completely as possible.

Keep me advised of any current and changing conditions.

73s,

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