

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

**SUBJECT: Tropical Storm Gustav**

**SITUATION REPORT # 3**

**DATE AND TIME COVERED: Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 5:00 p.m. through  
Thursday, August 28, 2008, 5:00 p.m.**

**CURRENT PRIORITIES - Prepare For:**

1. Coordination and Control Operations
2. Evacuation Operations
3. Shelter and Mass Care Operations
4. Search & Rescue Operations
5. Re-entry Operations

**1. CURRENT SITUATION:** Governor Perry has declared a state of disaster as a result of Tropical Storm Gustav posing a threat of imminent disaster along the Texas Coast in the counties of Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bee, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Collin, Colorado, Dallas, Denton, DeWitt, El Paso, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Lubbock, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Potter, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Starr, Tarrant, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Waller, Walker, Webb, Wharton and Willacy beginning August 27, 2008, and continuing. Governor Perry has also requested a Declaration of Emergency from the President of the United States for the same counties.

The southward bypass around Jamaica by Gustav last night has added extra hours to the H-120 Countdown Matrix. This diversion coupled with the slowing of the predicted movement across the Gulf from 14 to 12 MPH results in adding 13 hours back to the Countdown Matrix. However, under the current conditions, postponing Gustav's entrance into the Gulf has the negative outcome of delaying decisions that need to be made based on better knowledge of the storm track toward landfall. Bottom-line: We may not have a clearer picture of landfall tendencies until Saturday which is in the middle of an extended holiday week-end. Track changes as of 5:00 AM CST this morning confirm Gustav to be a clear and present threat to the State of Texas. In fact, Gustav now has the potential to threaten the entire Texas Gulf Coast. Repeating, Gustav now has the potential to impact at any point on the Texas Gulf Coast, from Brownsville to Beaumont/Port Arthur. If this track and shift to the west continues today, major operational adjustments will be made to prepare for this extreme contingency.

**CONTINGENCY TIMELINE:** Changes/Adjustments from Previous: Times have changed.

- a. H-120: Occurred at 4:00 AM (this morning), Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- b. H-72: Occurs Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, Time: 4:00 AM
- c. H-36: Occurs Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Time: 4:00 PM: Critical Goal To Have Special Needs Evacuations Completed.
- d. H-0: Occurs Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Time: 4:00 AM. Arrival of Tropical Storm Winds.

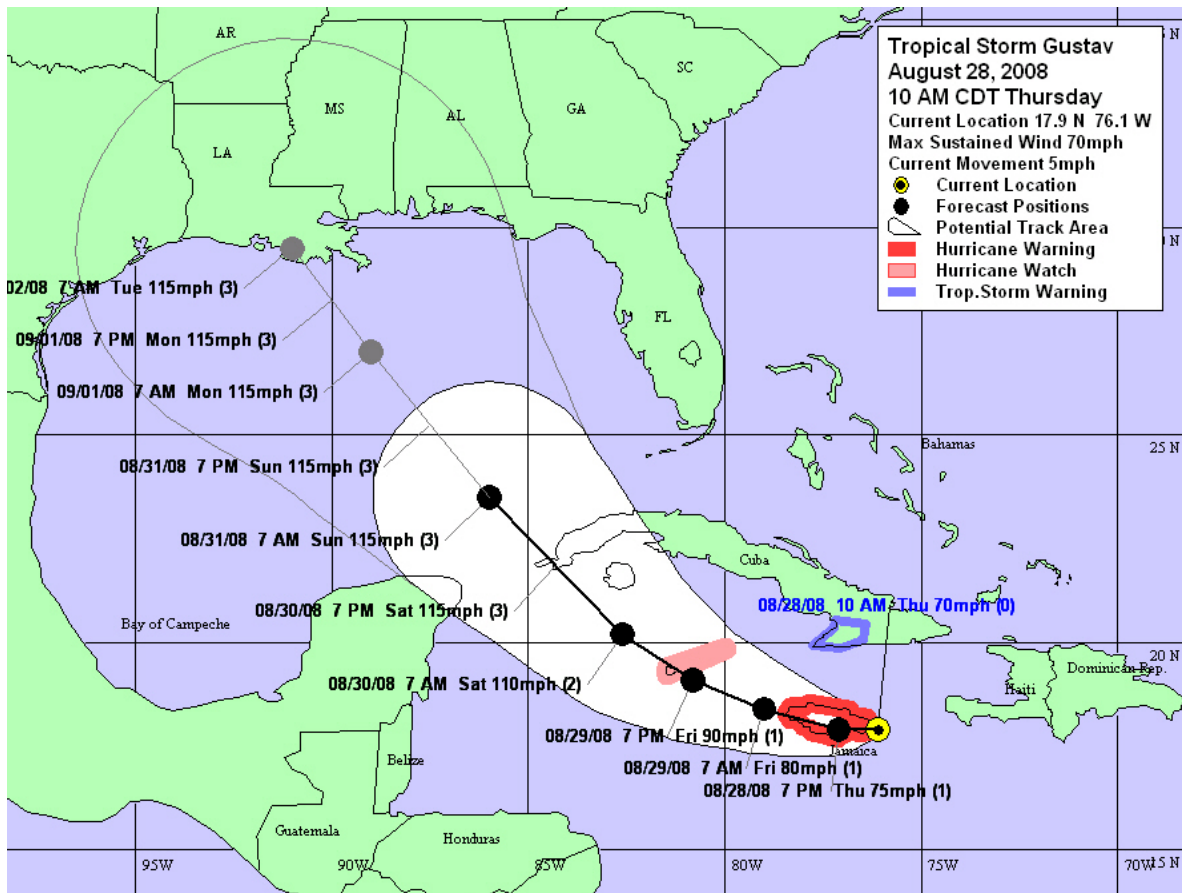
**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS: NEW:**

- e. Contingency planning must now occur for a potential strike along the entire Texas Coast Line.

- f. Pre-deployment of resources now uncertain given latest track and cone of error.
- g. Evacuation of Special Needs Citizens as soon as feasible must occur.
- h. Landfall Upper Texas Coast: Port Lavaca to Beaumont/Port Arthur: Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Time: 8:00 PM
- i. Landfall Lower Texas Coast: Port Lavaca to Brownsville: Tuesday, September 2d: Time: 10:00 PM.
- j. Gustav enters the Gulf as a Category 3 Hurricane. Landfall as a Category 4 Hurricane.

ACTIONS: Texas now brings the full capability and capacity of the state to the highest level of readiness.

SUMMARY: State of Texas now prepares for the strike of a Category 4 Hurricane somewhere along the Texas Coast on or about Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The State of Texas is planning and making preparations for a potential Category 4 Hurricane along the Texas Coastline.

In preparation for possible impacts from Hurricane Gustav, the State Operations Center (SOC) began readiness conference calls on Tuesday, 26 August 2008 with Federal, State, private industry partners, volunteer organizations, and local jurisdictions. Twice daily conference calls are being conducted at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The following preparedness actions are being undertaken:

Texas Department of Public Safety: DDC Beaumont and DDC Corpus Christi are conducting conference calls and briefings to maintain situational awareness and to formulate activation timelines. DDC San Antonio activated at 7:00 am this morning and will remain on 24/7 status through the duration of the

event. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers are conducting safety inspections of commercial buses in advance of staging them for evacuations.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) is displaying public service announcements on their dynamic message signs from Port Lavaca eastward to Beaumont/Port Arthur reminding Texans to fill up their vehicle tanks.

Texas Forest Service: The Lone Star State Incident Management Team is on standby and has alerted Regional Incident Management Teams across the State. An area command function has been established to coordinate movement of IMT's as needed. The State of Florida and the State of Georgia have offered IMT support if needed.

Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) (Comptroller of Public Accounts): Review of emergency contracts for commercial bus support for potential evacuation and required fuel support.

Texas Military Forces: TXMF will be providing 10 UH-60's, five OH-58's, five C130's and 5,000 soldiers for response and re-entry operations. They are pre-positioning resources to effectively assist with evacuations and provide support for shelter hubs.

Texas Engineering & Extension Service/Texas Task Force One: Will activate one Search and Rescue (SAR) overhead team; one Joint Air Ground Coordination Team; TTF1 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Type 1 & Type 3; TTF2 USAR Type 3 Team; 10 swift water rescue teams; 6 helicopter specialist; several Liaison Officers (LNO) and ESF9 SAR Coordination Center. If Gustav becomes a category 3 or higher, TTF will coordinate with Department of Defense (DOD) for federal support through FEMA for additional search and rescue capabilities.

Texas Department of State Health Services: DSHS has placed 120 ambulances on notice to support potential special needs evacuation from home health care or private health care facilities. They are prepared to support federal special needs shelters in Tyler and Bryan/College Station and will be ready to support the same in Waco and San Antonio. DSHS is activating medical staff and coordinating with federal medical staff to be staged in San Antonio.

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC has contacted all of their private contractors and received an inventory of water and ice throughout the State. HHSC has contacted their Regional Disaster Coordinators and put them on standby. They have also provided one truckload of ice and one refrigerated trailer to Alamo Area Regional Command.

State Fuel Coordination Team: State Fuel Coordination Team is activated to support possible evacuation and response requirements. The team is pushing fuel to coastal areas, evacuation routes and to areas with increased demand due to emergency preparations (fueling generators and equipment).

Public Works Response Teams (PWRT): Identifying nationwide available resources and are working with vendors to locate needed equipment. Three state PWRT's have been alerted statewide for possible deployment. Two resource teams will provide a logistic support and staging area. LNO staffing will start tomorrow, and a 4 person research team is on standby. PWRT is coordinating with TCEQ for potential response.

State Shelter and Mass Care: Coordination with volunteer organizations and identification of sheltering and mass care resource support and coordination of special needs shelter requirements. Mass Care is conducting 2:00 pm conference calls to coordinate and pre-deploy assets to shelter hubs and point-to-point shelter cities. They are establishing a resource staging area for the Tyler hub and working with VOAD to address predetermined unmet needs. Baptist Children and Family Services (BCFS) has a 45 person Incident Management Team and 65 nurses on standby. They also have a mobile 500-bed medical special needs shelter on standby with the ability to deploy in 6 to 12 hours. BCFS is establishing a 5000-bed capacity medical special needs shelter in San Antonio and are processing requests from the Alamo Area Regional Command.

Alamo Area Regional Command: Will be providing a logistic support and staging area. A reception center has been established and 40 commercial buses have already arrived. DPS safety inspections will begin by approximately 12:00 noon and when capable will proceed around the clock. Shelters for the general public and shelters for responders have been established and FEMA representatives are scheduled to arrive this evening.

South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC): Has set up an ambulance staging area and is coordinating with DSHS and the MACC for medical special needs evacuations.

2-1-1 Texas: is receiving and recording requests for assistance with evacuation to be provided to the local jurisdictions.

Coach USA: Activated up to 750 commercial buses to support potential special needs evacuation requirements.

Baptist Child and Family Services: A mobile 500 bed special needs facility is on standby to assist.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): FEMA Region VI RRC is operating 24/7 and all ESF representatives and partners will be activated at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Local elected officials and organizations are identifying predetermined unmet needs to more effectively prepare for evacuations and other protective measures.

**2. AREAS AFFECTED BY EVENT:** Texas Gulf Coast

**3. RESPONDING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES COMMITTED:**

State agencies, private sector partners, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster and local jurisdictions are identifying and inventorying all necessary assets to prepare for and respond to the potential for a major hurricane strike on the Texas Gulf Coast.

<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>Resources Committed</b>
Texas Military Forces (TMF)	5,000 Personnel 10 UH-60's 5 OH-58's 4 C130's
Texas Task Force 1 (TTF1)	1 Search and Rescue Overhead Team 1 Joint Air Ground Coordination Team TTF1 Urban Search and Rescue Type 1 & 3 Teams 10 Swift Water Teams 6 Helicopter Specialists Liaison Officers ESF9 Search & Rescue (SAR) Coordination Center
Texas Task Force 2 (TTF2)	TTF2 Urban Search & Rescue Type 3 Team
Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	120 ambulances
Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)	Preparing PSA on dynamic message signs
State Fuel Team	State Fuel Coordination Team
Public Works Response Team (PWPT)	Two resource teams to the State Operations Center
Alamo Area Regional Command	Logistic support and staging area

Coach USA	750 Commercial Busses
Baptist Children Family Services	1 Mobile 500 bed Facility

4. **Evacuations:** None currently.

5. **COMMENTS:**

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management is monitoring the situation and will issue additional reports as necessary. The SOC is activated at Level I (Emergency Conditions) to support Tropical Storm/Hurricane Gustav response operations. The SOC conducted conference calls at 10:30 a.m. and again at 4:30 p.m., today with local, State, and Federal agencies. The next conference call is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., on August 29, 2008.

**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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