Issues developing at the Superdome. 2000 already in and more standing in line. OK-1 DMAT is due to arrive about midnight. The medical staff at the dome says they will run out of oxygen in about 2 hours and are looking for alternative oxygen.

Feeder bands have brought some gusty wind and rain already.

I have secured from the coast guard that they will pick me up at the superdome at first light on Tuesday for a damage flyover. I will relay that back to HQ and Mike Heath will notify the WH, DHS, and US Brown.

I will try to call you

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Bahamonde, Marty

From: Bahamonde, Marty
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2005 5:28 PM
To: Wing, Deborah
Subject: Re: NDMS Resource Status Report

Everyone is soaked. This is going to get ugly real fast. Everyone here at the EOC is very concerned with what might happen over there.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Bahamonde, Marty.

From: Bahamonde, Marty
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2005 7:33 AM
To: Heath, Michael
Subject: Re: New Orleans update

Some pumping stations have failed but no widespread flooding yet. The real worry will be in the next 3 hours when the storm passes and we get the northerly winds blowing the lake into the city.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
From Marty (New Orleans):
- 17th Avenue Canal levee (running along border of Orleans and Jefferson Parishes) broke through with water flow "bad" into New Orleans side
- City will have feeding/sheltering issues with population at superdome (est. 12K)
- North side of city under est. 11' water in heavy residential area
- Estimate of 30,000 tourists in city holed up in hotel rooms
- Charity Hospital - all windows out; basement flooded, no power; have not been able to reach other 27 hospitals for capabilities
- Early estimate that power will be over a month to restore - main hubs out of commission
- Hoping to get out in next hour, with helicopter tour to follow

From Beeman (Gulfport):
- Last broadcasting radio station was knocked off the air about an hour ago
- Significant flooding occurring not far from where he's located with reports of people climbing into attics to escape waist deep and higher waters
- Been sitting at desk for last four hours watching as the winds have torn apart the back of the building across, with pieces of the roof slamming into the posts that hold up the porch on his buildings.
- Trees dropping all around and six foot fence from a small park to left have been sailing by like frizzbies
- Power and water are both off
Sir, I know that you know the situation is past critical. Here some things you might not know.

Hotels are kicking people out, thousands gathering in the streets with no food or water. Hundreds still being rescued from homes.

The dying patients at the DMAT tent being medivac. Estimates are many will die within hours. Evacuation in process. Plans developing for dome evacuation but hotel situation adding to problem. We are out of food and running out of water at the dome, plans in works to address the critical need.

FEMA staff is OK and holding own. DMAT staff working in deplorable conditions. The sooner we can get the medical patients out, the sooner we can get them out.

Phone connectivity impossible

More later

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Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Handheld
Taylor, Cindy

From: Taylor, Cindy
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2005 2:27 PM
To: Bahamonde, Marty; Widomska, Michael
Subject: FW: Scarborough

Let me preface by saying I know he needs downtime, but ummm...how much time do each of you need for dinner, including travel time to the restaurants of your choice?

-----Original Message-----
From: Worthy, Sharon [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2005 2:00 PM
To: 'Valerie.Smith'"; Andrews, Nicol D - Public Affairs; 'cindy.taylor'
Subject: Scarborough

Please schedule Joe Scarborough this evening for 9pmCST period. Spoke with his producer and told him to call you. Mr. Brown wants to do this one.

Also, it is very important that time is allowed for Mr. Brown to eat dinner. Given that Baton Rouge is back to normal, restaurants are getting busy. He needs much more that 20 or 30 minutes. We now have traffic to encounter to get to and from a location of his choice, followed by wait service from the restaurant staff, eating, etc. Thank you.

Sharon Worthy
Press Secretary
From: Bahamonde, Marty
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2005 2:44 PM
To: Taylor, Cindy; Widomski, Michael
Subject: Re: Scarborough

OH MY GOD!!!!!!! No won't go any further, too easy of a target. Just tell her that I just ate an MRE and crapped in the hallway of the Superdome along with 30,000 other close friends so I understand her concern about busy restaurants. Maybe tonight I will have time to move the pebbles on the parking garage floor so they don't stab me in the back while I try to sleep, but instead I will hope her wait at Ruth Christ is short. But I know she is stressed so I won't make a big deal about it and you shouldn't either.

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The state told us we would run out of places, the army told us they had run out of places. The leadership from top down in our agency is unprepared and out of touch. When told that the superdome had been evacuated and would be locked, Scott Wells said we shouldn't lock it because people might still need it in an emergency. Myself and the general who had been there immediately spoke up and told scott that it was impossible to send anyone back in there....is that not out of touch. But while I am horrified at some of the cluelessness and self concern that persists, I try to focus on those that have put their lives on hold to help people that they have never met and never will. And while I sometimes think that I can't work in this arena, I can't get out of my head the visions of children and babies I saw sitting there, helpless, looking at me and hoping I could make a difference and so I will and you must to. It is not what we do that is as important as who we are and that's what those little kids faces were counting on.

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