

Florida's Response to Louisiana for Hurricane Ida

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Lead Agency at FL State EOC

- ESF-4 Firefighting
- ESF-9 Search and Rescue



Florida Fire Chief's Association



Supporting Agency

- Provides Liaisons to augment ESF-4/9 staffing at SEOC
- Plans for and coordinates mobilizing of resources from fire service organizations statewide
- Provides Liaisons to key field positions

Developed Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP)

- Includes Emergency Response Committee to manage plan

Board of Directors President, Douglas Riley

Statewide Emergency Response Plan “SERP”



STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (SERP)

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FLORIDA FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
221 Pinewood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303

SERP Plan

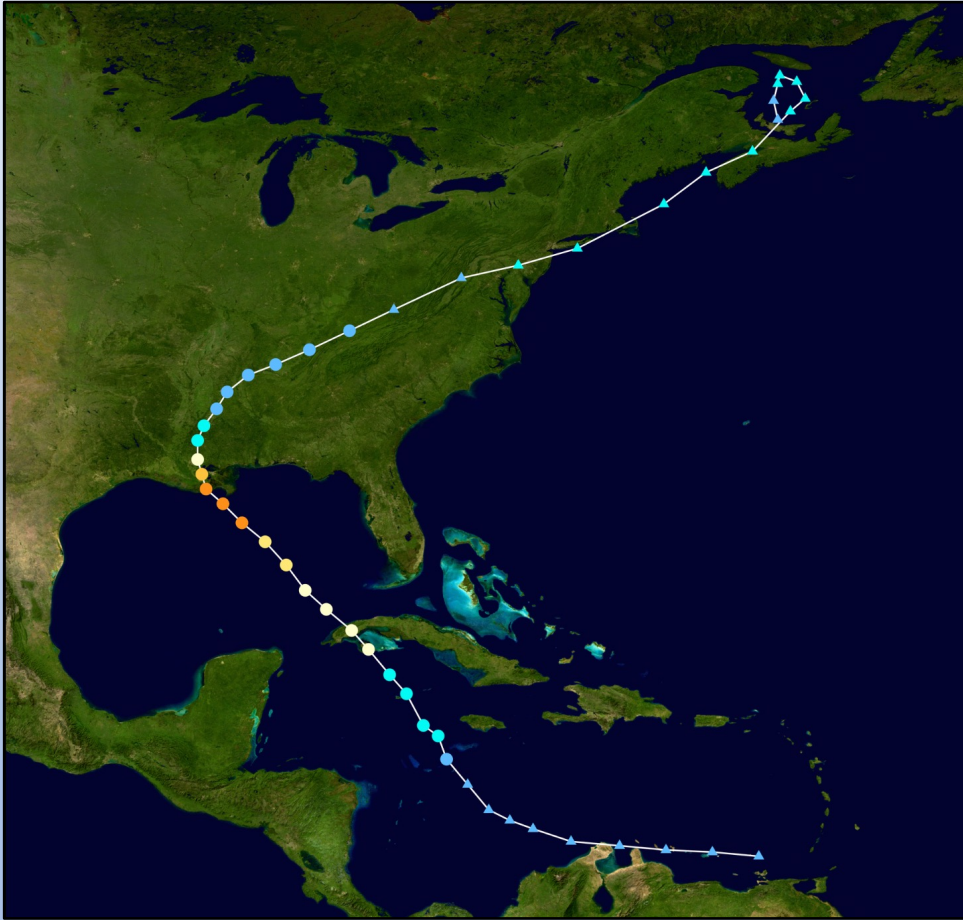
Emergency Response Committee

- Chair/State Coordinator
- 7-Regional Coordinators
- 17-Partnering Agency Liaisons
- 67-County Coordinators

Florida Fire Service Specialty Resources

- **437 Fire Departments**
- 8-US&R Teams
- 39-Technical Rescue Teams
- 27-HazMat Response Teams
- 8-Mutual Aid Radio Communication Units
- 8-Regional Transport Response Teams (Highly Infectious Pts)

Hurricane Ida



Landfall August-29

- Landfall near Port Fourchon, Louisiana as Category-4 storm with 150 MPH winds
- 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina (2005)
- Second-most damaging hurricane to make landfall in Louisiana on record, behind Hurricane Katrina in 2005
- Fifth-costliest tropical cyclone on record



Teams Deployed

- Aug-30/Sept-4



- SFM Liaison
- FL TF-4 US&R, Type III
- MARC-5N



Teams Deployed

- Sept-5/Oct-2

- EST-1101
- EST-1301
- MARC-3
- EVT-1
- EVT-2

Teams Deployed

Resource	Team ID	Team Size
SFM Liaison	SFM Liaison	1
US&R Task Force, Type-3	FL TF-4	38
Engine Strike Team	EST-1101	22
Engine Strike Team	EST-1301	22
Communications Unit	MARC-3	2
Communications Unit	MARC-5N	2
Mechanic	EVT-1	2
Mechanic	EVT-2	2
Telecommunicators	FL-TERT	10
Total		101



Presentation Highlights

- **FL TF-4 US&R Deployment**
- **EST-1301 Deployment**
- **MARC-3 Deployment**



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FL Task Force 4

- Type III USAR Team with Swift Water Package
 - 39 Members
 - 19 vehicles most with trailers
- MARC Unit
 - 4 members
 - 2 vehicles with trailers
- SFM Liaison
 - 1 member
 - 1 vehicle



FL Task Force 4 Mission

Day 1

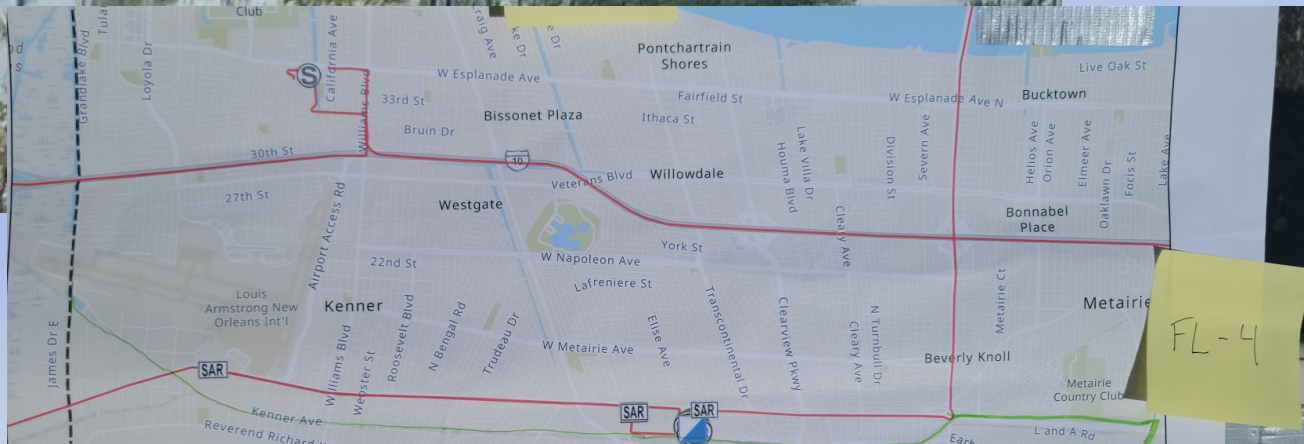
- Travel to Port Allen
 - Depart Orlando Warehouse at 0745 hrs 8/30/22
 - 20 hour travel time for the entire Task Force (698 miles)
 - Last unit arrived in Base of Operation at 0245 CST 08/31/22



FL Task Force 4 Mission

Day 2

- Assigned to Division 1 – Kenner (Just west of New Orleans)
 - Minimal damage – no power
 - Task Force 4 assigned to recon every structure in area
 - MARC 5 set up



FL Task Force 4 Mission

Day 3

- Continue to recon remaining areas in Division 1
 - Mission completed
 - Housed FL Region 3 IMT for the night
 - MARC 5 set up



FL Task Force 4 Mission

Day 4, 5, and 6

- Demobilized
 - Traveled to Gulfshores, LA for night 1
 - Traveled to Lake City, FL for night 2
 - Arrived at Orlando Warehouse 2pm



FL Task Force 4 Challenges

Fleet

- Aging fleet of vehicles (up to 16 years old)
 - Mechanical breakdowns
 - Tires
 - Repairs
 - Delays travel time



FL Task Force 4 Challenges

Base of Operations - Covid

- Original staging area too small
 - Directions from FL SFM were to remain isolated from others
 - 500+ people from other strike teams and task forces
 - Set up own BOO in parking lot of vacant structure
 - SFM Liaison invaluable resource
- Secured own building the 2nd night

Return from Deployment

- Hotel availability for entire task force
 - LA evacuees staying in hotels in 5-6 hour radius
 - Covid Testing

