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FROM: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense) **PM**

SUBJECT: DoD Support for Hurricane Frances

- The memo at Tab A responds to the request for a one-page summary of DoD support for Humcane Frances (Tab B).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: DoD Support for Hurricane Frances

A total of 6,310 Army and Air National Guard forces are in support of Hurricane Frances disaster relief operations. The State of Florida has 4,798 under the command and control of Governor Bush. Ten other state National Guards are providing an additional 1,512 personnel.

DoD actions include: deployment of a Defense Coordinating Officer and Defense Coordinating Element to Florida; deployment of an Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to critical military and civilian headquarters supporting response efforts; designation of four DoD installations as logistical staging areas for the Federal Emergency Management Agency; nurses to augment hospital staffs; satellite communications capability; airlift; and search and rescue teams. A detailed description is attached.

We will coordinate a formal after-action report through the interagency detailing the Department's participation in planning and recovery efforts. The intent is to identify "lessons-learned" which might be relevant to the Department's role in response and recovery from a catastrophic terrorist attack.

- Relevant issues might include mass casualty movement, protection of critical infrastructure, response to a civil disturbance, movement and distribution of critical life-sustaining resources in a contaminated environment and security during distribution of the Strategic National Stockpile medicines.

As Hurricane Ivan approaches, we will continue to work with DHS and the interagency to plan for its impact.



# Severe Weather

## September 7, 2004



### Hurricane Frances – DoD Response

Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO)	PAX	FEMA requested DCO and DCE be activated in response to Hurricane Charlie. They remained in place at Disaster Field Office in Orlando, FL in support of FEMA and Hurricane Frances.	Approved – Active
Defense Coordinating Element (DCE)	3 PAX		
Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers (EPLOs)	17 PAX	EPLOs activated in response to Hurricane Charlie are providing support to the Joint Director of Military Support, FEMA Regional Operations Center in GA, and State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee, FL and the Disaster Field Office in Orlando, FL in support of FEMA and Hurricane Frances.	Active
Mobilization Centers	4 Installations	FEMA requested NAS Jacksonville, FL; Homestead AFB, FL; Fort Gillem, GA; and Patrick AFB, FL to serve as logistical staging areas for FEMA	Approved - Active
Medical Augmentation	3 PAX	FEMA requested labor/delivery and OBGYN nurse augmentation in response to Hurricane Charlie. Navy and Air Force nurses deployed to DeSoto Co. hospital and will remain in place to support Hurricane Frances	Approved – Mission complete Nurses will redeploy September 8
Communications	62 PAX	FEMA requested capability to provide long range satellite communications in State of FL. The Joint Combat Signal Element deployed to State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee, FL.	Approved - Active
Airlift Support	2 C-17s	FEMA requested airlift support for one of its Urban Search and Rescue teams (75 personnel, dogs, and equipment) from NM to FL	Approved - FEMA canceled requirement after first C-17 was enroute to NM – FEMA will reimburse for sortie
Search and Rescue (SAR)	5 HH-60s 25 PAX	FEMA requested 5 Air Force SAR helicopters, crews, pararescue, and medics to be on alert	Approved – FEMA canceled mission – no cost incurred by DoD



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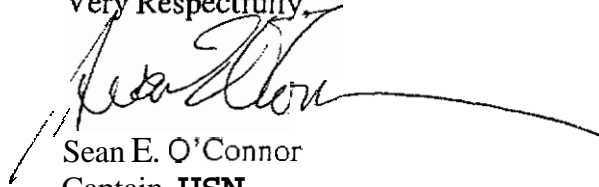
MEMORANDUM FOR ASD HD

Subject: DoD Support for Humcane Frances

Sir,

From this mornings Roundtable, the DSD request that you please provide a one page summary for the SecDef to provide to the POTUS on DoD support for Humcane Frances.

Very Respectfully,



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