

# Hurricane Katrina & Hurricane Response in Louisiana

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# Louisiana August/September 2005 Hurricane Katrina/Rita



### Pre-Katrina

- No State pre-event assisted transportation plan
- No State run General Population Shelters (Superdome considered "last resort")
- Shelter Task Force coordinated sheltering parish shelters primarily above I-10
  - Citizens transported themselves to Information Points along the evacuation routes
  - Information Points provided shelter location info to evacuees



### Pre-Katrina

- State was prepared to open several Medical Special Needs Shelters
- No pet plans or pet shelters
- Parishes provided shelters within their own jurisdictions citizens seeking safety from wind and/or water





### Hurricane Katrina

- Overall area impacted 108,456 square miles
- 80% of New Orleans submerged
- 1500+ Louisiana casualties
- 200,000+ Louisiana homes substantially damaged or destroyed
- 71,000+ Louisiana businesses impacted
- 300,000+ job losses in Louisiana







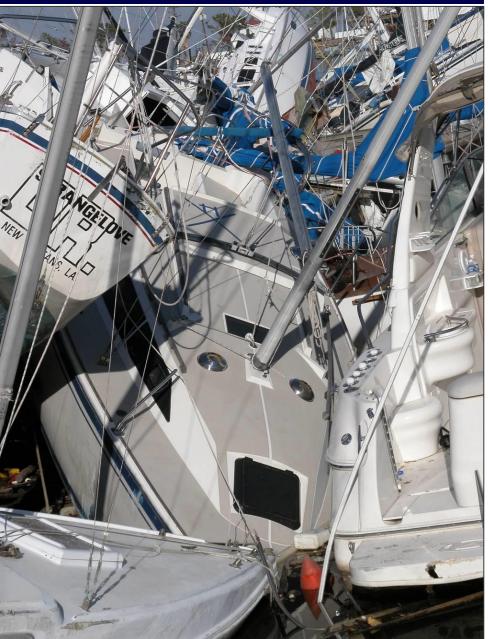




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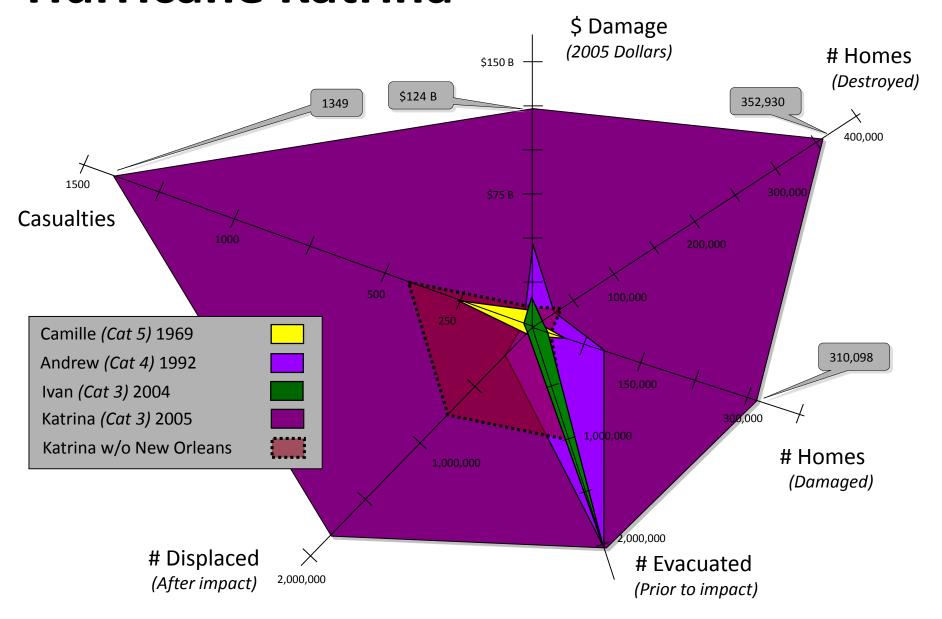




Lakeview (17th St. Canal), New Orleans



# Understanding the Impact of Hurricane Katrina



### Post-Katrina

- State begins growing shelter capacity with "mega-shelters" located in Central & North Louisiana
  - 1<sup>st</sup> State owned shelter built on LSU-A campus
- Post Katrina plans used during Hurricane
  Gustav were successful but improvements
  necessary, areas of focus included evacuee
  tracking & reentry



#### Louisiana August/September 2008 Hurricane Gustav/Ike



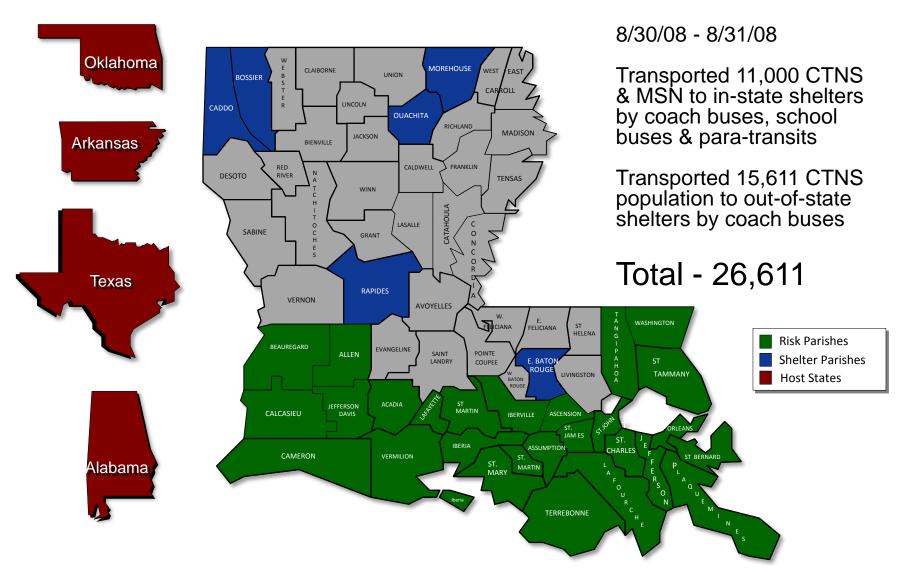
# Hurricane Gustav

 Approximately 2 million people evacuated

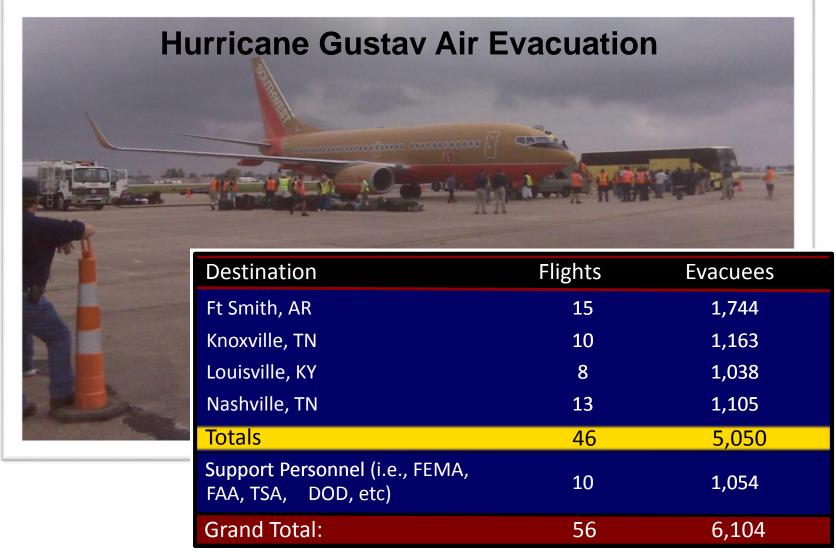
- 1<sup>st</sup> time in State history mandatory evacuations called for entire coastal area of Louisiana
- 1st time State conducted dual contra flow for both Southwest & Southeast Louisiana



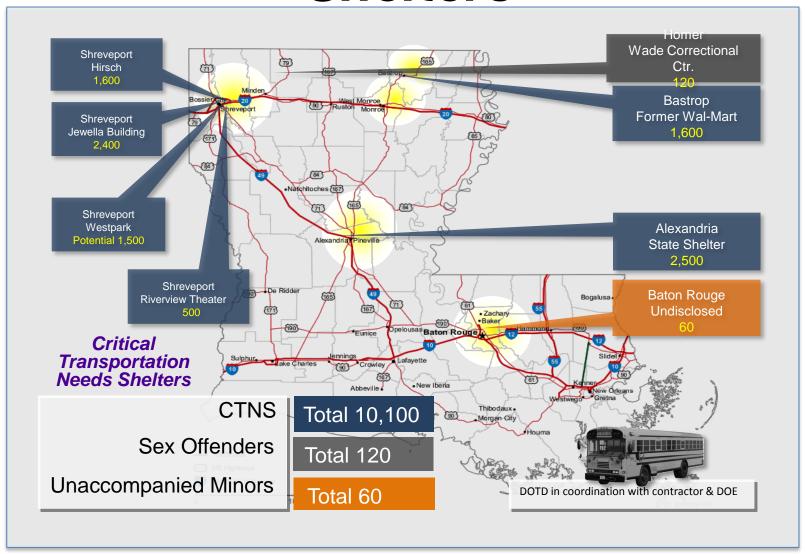
#### Gustav Motor Coach Evacuation



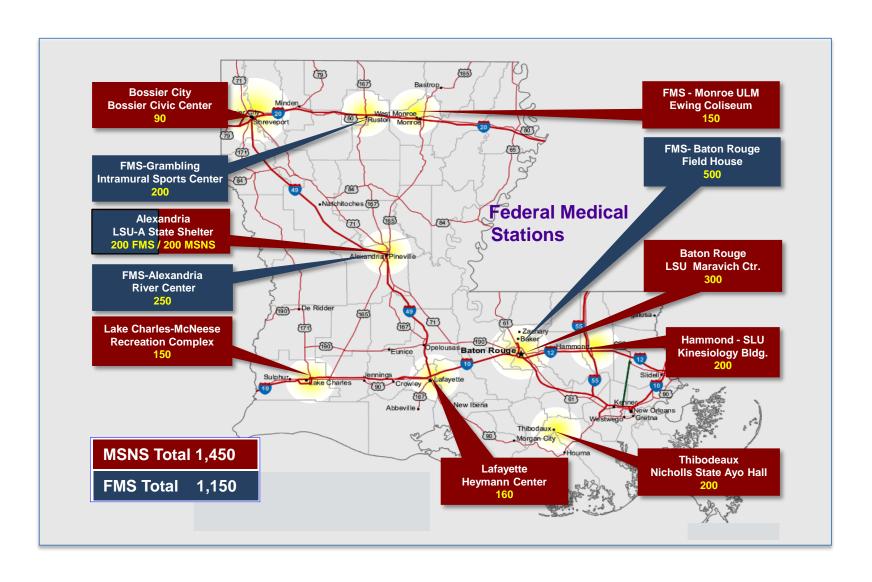
## Gustav Air Evacuation



# Critical Transportation Needs Shelters

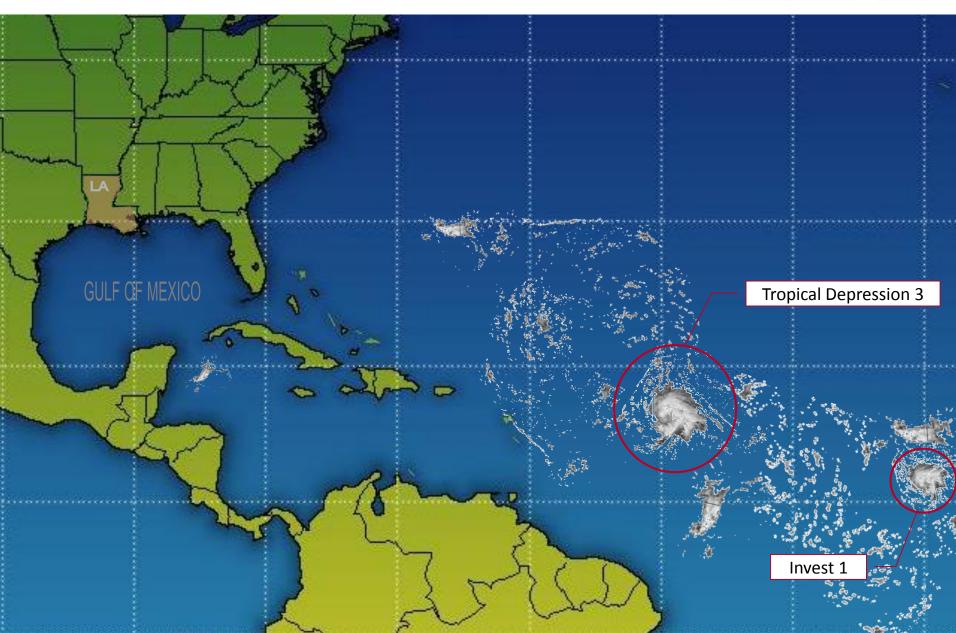


# Medical Special Needs



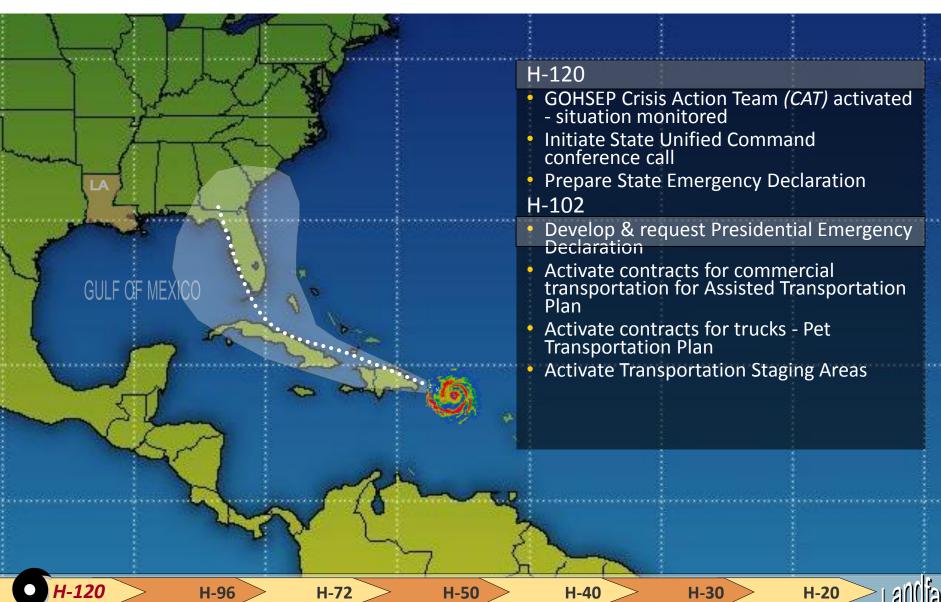
# State of Louisiana Hurricane Scenario







Scenario based on previous or likely storm tracks derived from Hurrevac



Cone of Uncertainty

Anticipated Storm Track



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#### H-96 Anticipated Shortfalls H-96 ✓ CAT plus – partial EOC activation **Shelter Management Teams** ✓ Unified Command recommends State Medical personnel for Amtrack Mission **Declaration of Emergency** (currently an EMAC agreement) ✓ Task Force (SW, SE. Shelter & partner states) conference calls begin - initiate emergency declaration & evacuation discussions **GULF OF MEXICO** ✓ SITREPs for Governor, Cabinet, Parish EOCs State ESFs, & FEMA Region VI Review contracts for deliverables, fuel, Port-A-Lets, etc. Feds begin work on AMTRAK & air carriers for potential evacuation Request FEMA Region VI forward deploy FEMA Liaison to State EOC H-96 H-120 H-72 H-50 H-30 H-40 H-20

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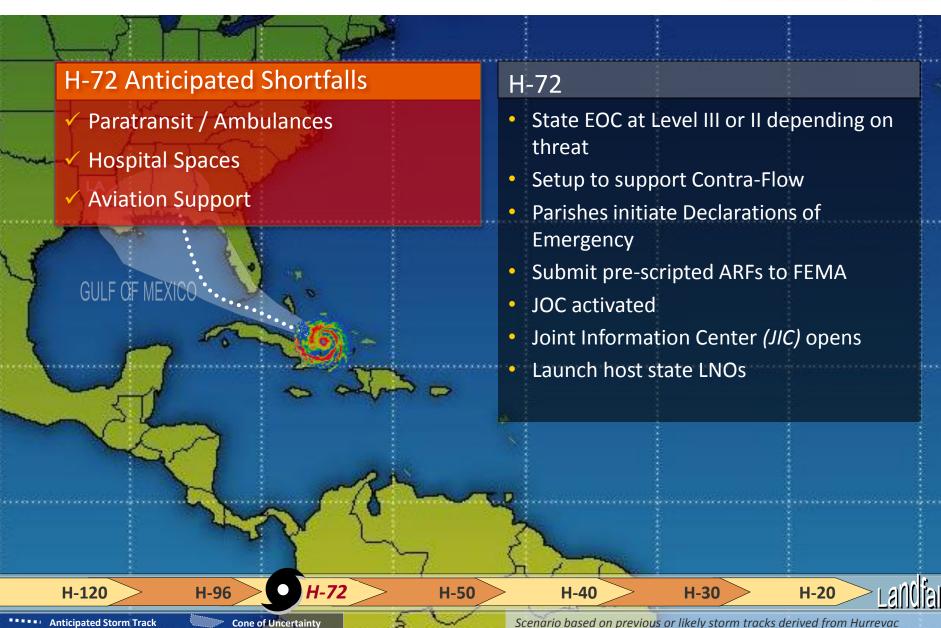


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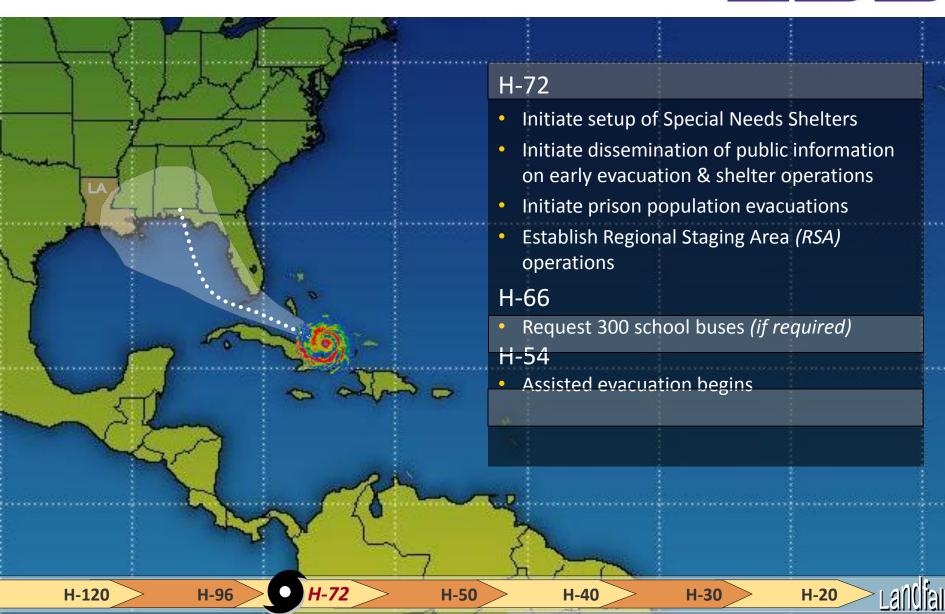




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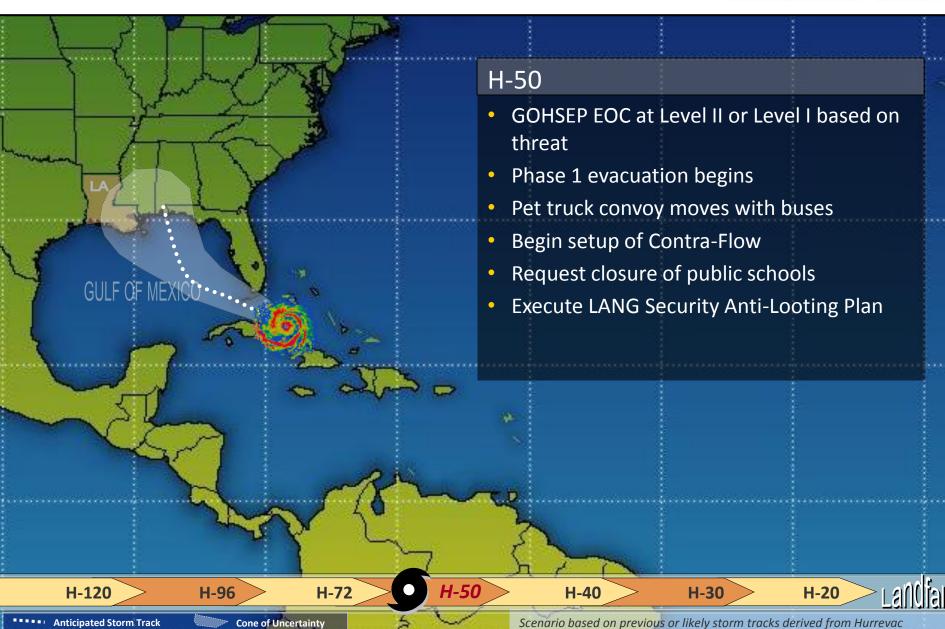


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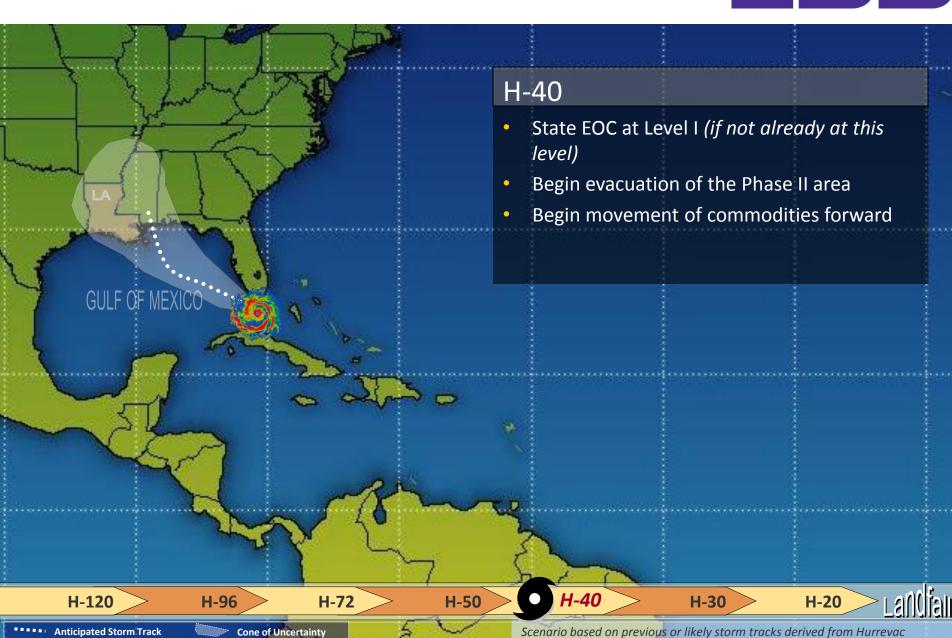
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#### **H+ Anticipated Shortfalls**

✓ MHE (Material Handling Equipment – Forklifts; Pallet Jacks, etc.)

#### H+12 Anticipated Shortfalls

- Post Certified Law Enforcement Personnel w/standard equipment load (with recommended vaccinations)
- Public Works Infrastructure Assessment Teams
- Aviation Support
- Incident Management Teams

#### H+24 Anticipated Shortfalls

- Disaster Food Stamp Program Personnel
- ✓ Pumps (Sewer & Water)

#### H-20

- State Assisted Evacuation completed
- Registration/tracking/reporting of those evacuated
- Discontinue Contra-Flow
- Prepare for re-entry
- Prepare for post storm damage assessment
- EAS messages & public information continues

#### H-12

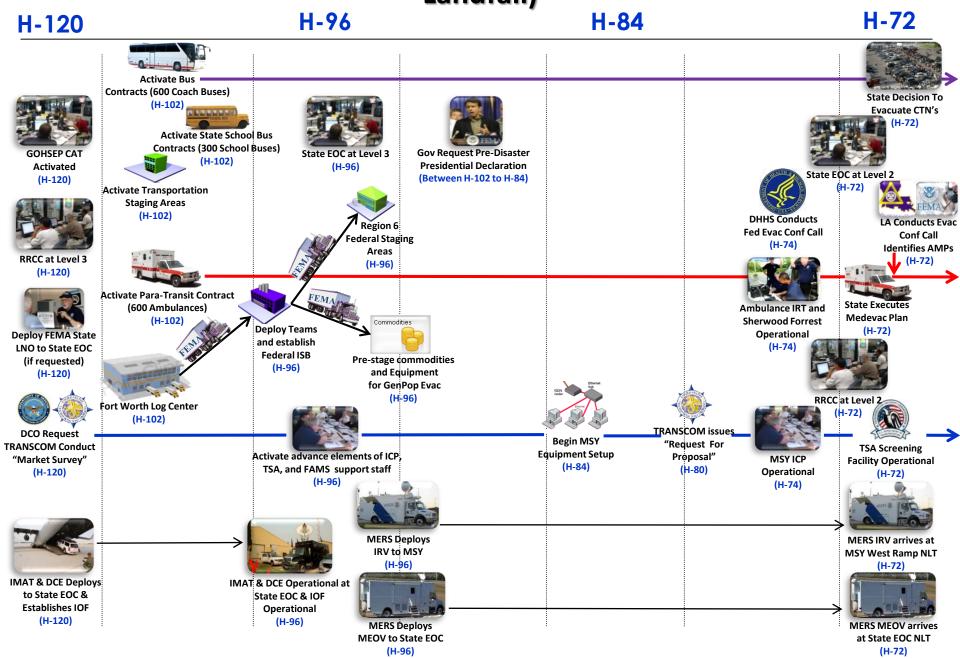
Feds conclude bus & rail operations

#### H+

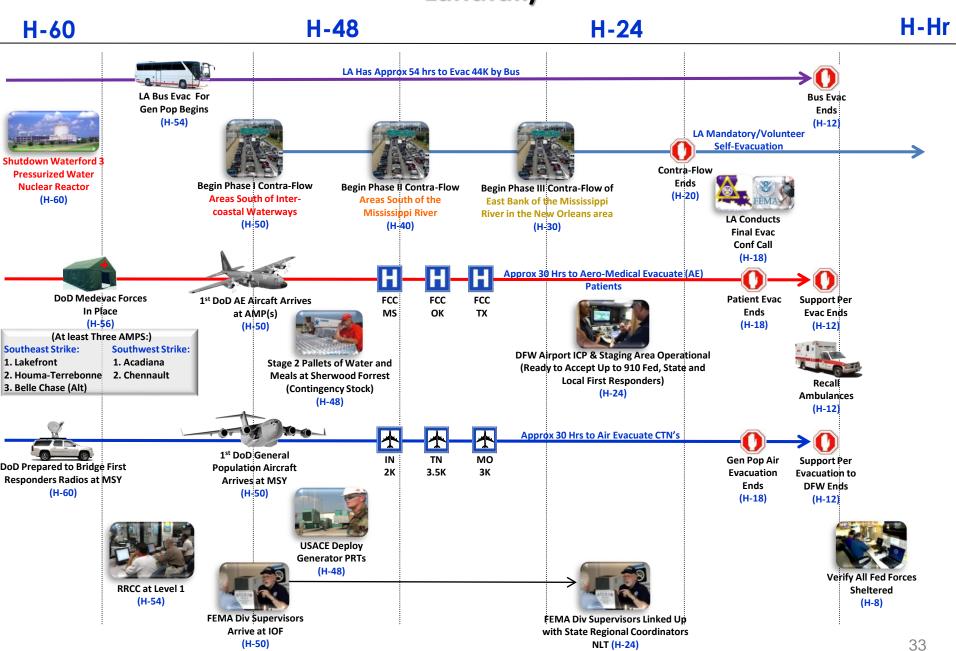
Smart SAR operations begin

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#### Louisiana Hurricane Response Story Board 2011 (Pre-Landfall)



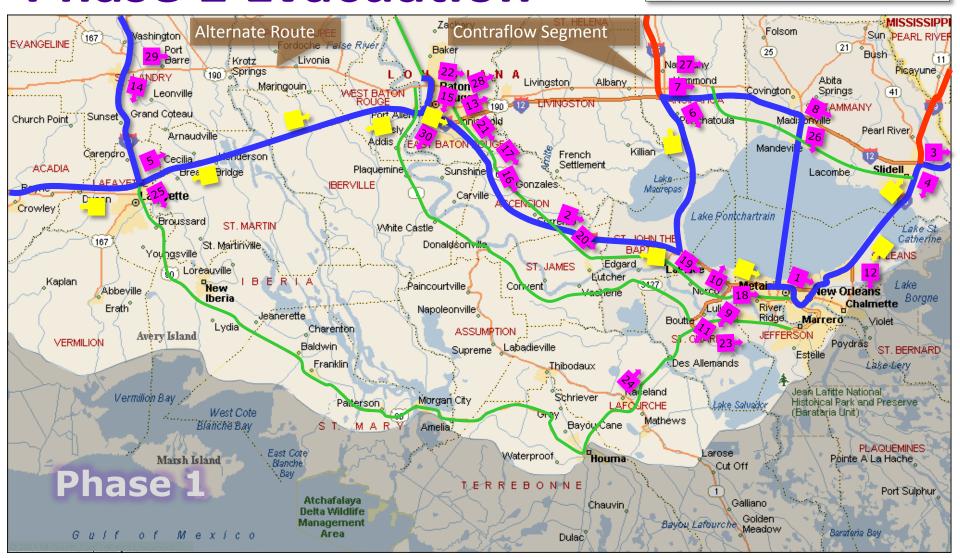
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# **Phase 1 Evacuation**

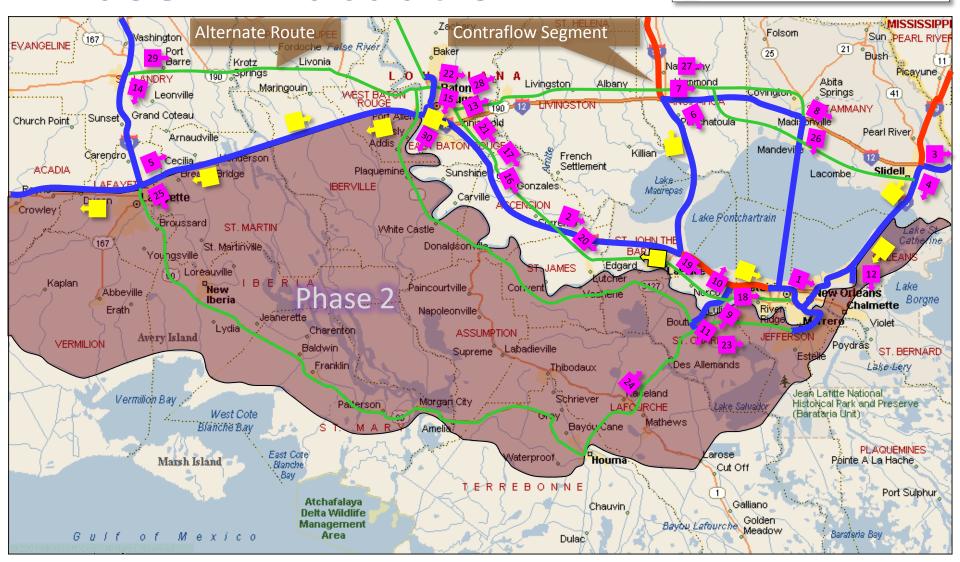
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## **Phase 2 Evacuation**

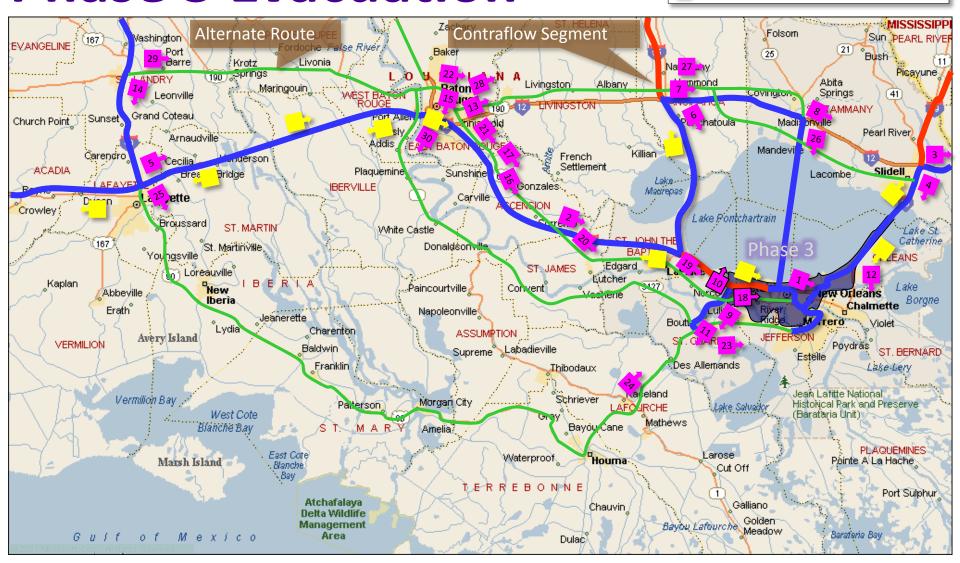
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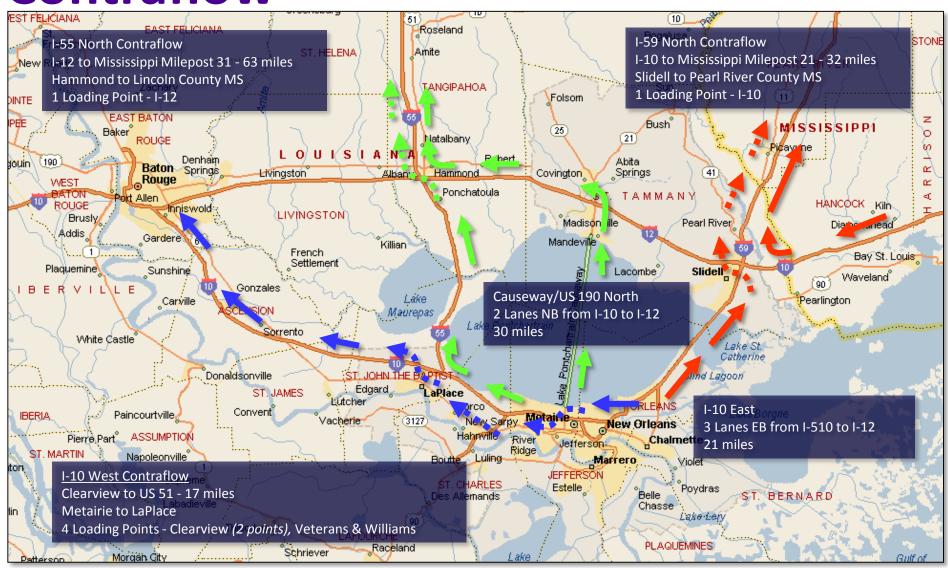
# **Phase 3 Evacuation**

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## **Contraflow**





# Citizens Assisted Evacuation Plan

# City of New Orleans Citizens Assisted Evacuation Plan

Goal 1: Create & maintain an environment where the decision to evacuate becomes more desirable than remaining behind

- In conjunction with state officials, enhance the sheltering plan to make it more "user friendly"
- Provide more information early in the season to enable citizens to better formulate their own evacuation plans



# City of New Orleans Citizens Assisted Evacuation Plan

# Goal 2: Provide greater support to citizens who need special assistance

- Medical "special needs" citizens.
- Elderly, hospital cases
- No self evacuation transportation available



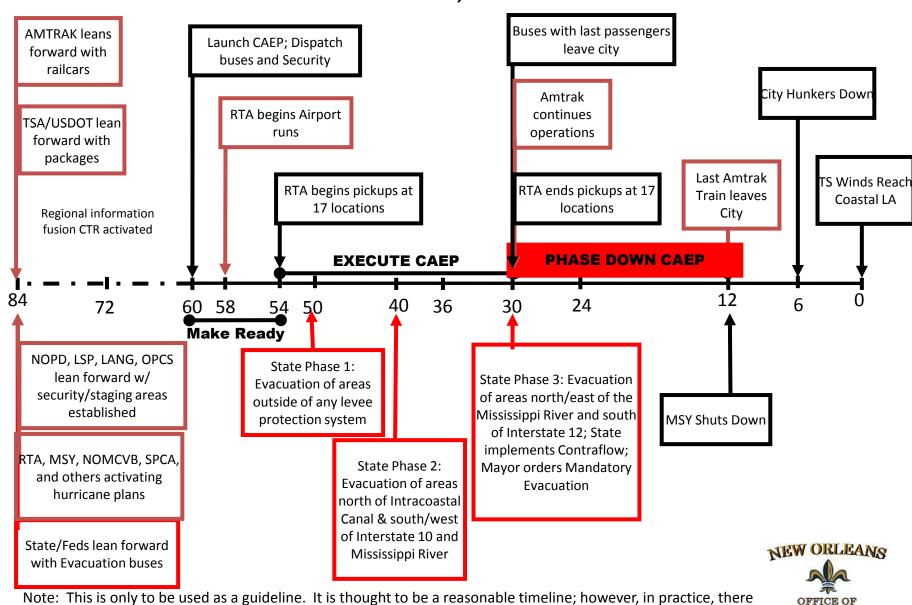
# City of New Orleans Citizens Assisted Evacuation Plan

# Goal 3: Implement measures to greatly enhance the security of city resources

- To include:
  - Accounting for and providing safety measures to city employees
  - Comprehensive plans to protect vehicles and other equipment items
  - Anti-looting plan

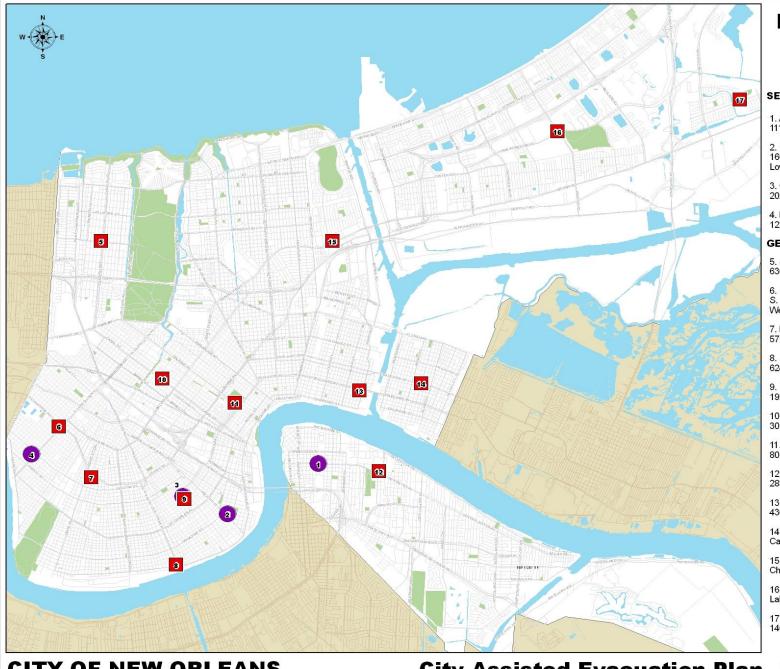


### New Orleans City Assisted Evacuation Plan Model Timeline June 1, 2007



PUBLIC SAFETY

Note: This is only to be used as a guideline. It is thought to be a reasonable timeline; however, in practice, there may be more or less time available depending on the circumstances of the actual event.



#### **Evacuation** Pick-Up Locations

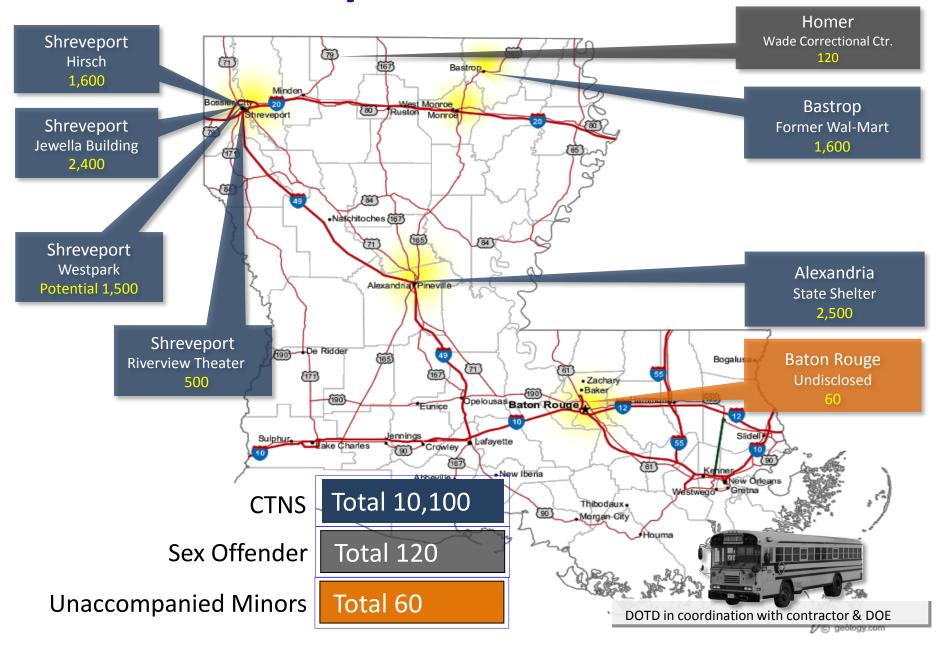
#### SENIOR CENTER LOCATIONS

- 1. Arthur Mondy Center 1111 Newton Avenue, Algiers
- 2. Kingsley House 1600 Constance Street, Lower Garden District
- 3. Central City Senior Center 2020 Philip Street, Central City
- 4. Mater Dolorosa 1226 S. Carrollton Ave, Carrollton

#### GENERAL POPULATION

- 5. Smith Library Bus Stop 6300 Canal Blvd., Lakeview
- 6. Palmer Park S. Claiborne and S. Carrollton, West Carrollton
- 7. McMain High School 5712 S. Claiborne Ave, Broadmoor
- 8. Lyons Community Center 624 Louisiana Ave, Irish Channel
- 9. Dryades YMCA 1924 Philip Street, Central City
- 10. Warren Easton High School 3019 Canal Street, Treme
- 11. Municipal Auditorium 801 N. Rampart, 7th Ward
- 12. O. Perry Walker High School 2832 General Meyer, Algiers
- 13. Stallings Community Center 4300 St. Claude, Bywater
- 14. Sanchez Center Caffin & N. Claiborne, Lower 9th Ward
- 15. Gentilly Mall Parking Lot Chef Menteur & Press Dr., Gentilly
- 16. Walgreen's Lake Forest & Read Blvd, NO East
- 17. Mary Queen of Vietnam 14001 Dwyer, New Orleans East Mayor's Office of Technology GIS Department

## **Critical Transportation Needs Shelters**



# Declaration Process

#### PRESIDENTIAL

Authorizes use of Federal Resources



#### STATE

Authorizes use of State Resources



#### **PARISH**

Authorizes use of Local Resources



### The Emergency Management Process

