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Hurricane Ike Situation Report #3

- Hurricane Ike is growing in size and strength in the southeastern Gulf of Mexico. It is still a Category 1 storm with winds of 75mph. The storm is moving west northwest at 10 mph.
- Now that Hurricane Ike has emerged into the Gulf of Mexico, strengthening is expected. It is expected to make landfall between Kleberg County and Matagorda County as a Category 3 or 4 Hurricane late Friday night or early Saturday morning, approximately 2 a.m. **THIS INFORMATION IS ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**
- The Alamo Regional Command Center (ARCC) is preparing for a massive number of evacuees into the San Antonio starting today from the coastal communities.
- DPS/DDC and TxDot has begun running a third lane northbound out of Corpus Christi on IH37 to Pleasanton for evacuation. If the flow becomes too heavy approval will be requested through the DDC's to activate a full contra flow northbound on IH 37.
- Currently, 1,350 commercial buses have been contracted to come to San Antonio.
- 1,138 commercial buses have arrived.

- 499 drivers are ready to deploy
- 65 school buses and 27 wheelchair vans are ready for deployment.
- Medical and special needs evacuations will begin today.
- Metro Health, EMS, University Health System, Baptist Child and Family Services, American Red Cross and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services are on standby to receive evacuees at Port San Antonio.
- The San Antonio Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (SAVOAD) is seeking volunteers. Members of the community wishing to help with the response to Hurricane Ike are asked to go to the Coliseum Frontier Room beginning at noon on September 10. For more information, contact (210) 224-5365.
- Medical volunteers are also needed. Those able to assist are asked to contact the Medical Volunteer Coordination Center at (210) 233-5910.
- **Salvation Army:**
Monetary donations are primary. Call 352-2000 or visit website at salvationarmysatx.org.
- **Red Cross:**
Monetary donations are primary. Call 1 800 REDCROSS to make a donation or use a cell phone to donate a \$5 gift by text messaging the keyword "GIVE" TO "2HELP" (24357).
- **Evacuees should take with them to a shelter:**
 - Prescription and emergency medication
 - Extra Clothing
 - Pillows
 - Blankets
 - Toiletries
 - Important documents

- Other comfort items
- Specialty items for children and infants: diapers, formula, toys
- Specialty items for the elderly and disabled

- Red Cross tries to provide as many of these items but evacuation shelters are meant to be short term shelters, 12-24 hours until the storm passes. Be prepared-you never know how long you might have to be in a shelter.
- **How to find an Hurricane evacuee:**
Red Cross is asking evacuees to register with their Safe and Well program. Register on the Red Cross Safe and Well web site accessible at www.redcross.org or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). Follow the prompts fro disaster information.

