

2022 Gulf Inland Waterways Joint Hurricane Team Response Protocol Review Port of New Orleans Auditorium

Welcome Paul Dittman, GICA

Opening Remarks RADM Richard V. Timme, – Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

National Weather Service Season Outlook - Lauren Nash

Presentations Discussion of previous seasons’ best practices, lessons learned, new initiatives, areas for improvement

General Review of Joint Hurricane Protocol – Paul Dittman, GICA

NOAA Navigation Services – Lauren Nash

Eighth Coast Guard District, Waterways Management and Bridge Ops – CAPT Eric Carrero

USACE New Orleans District – Robert Swayzie

US Coast Guard Sector New Orleans

MSU Morgan City, MSU Houma, MSU Baton Rouge, VTS New Orleans, VTS Berwick Bay Reps

USACE Mobile District – Nate Lovelace

US Coast Guard Sector Mobile – Chief Tindol

USACE Galveston District – Belynda Kinman

US Coast Guard Sector Houston/Galveston – CAPT Keith Donohue

MSU Texas City, MSU Port Arthur, MSU Lake Charles, VTS Houston, VTS Port Arthur

US Coast Guard Sector/Airsta Corpus Christi - LCDR Anthony Garafalo

Open Discussion Items - Wrap up



2022 Gulf Coast Inland Waterways Joint Hurricane Response Protocol



Joint Hurricane Response Protocol

- Memorandum of Understanding – the Basis
- Public – Private Coordination – the Team
- Protocol – the Framework

Joint Hurricane Response Protocol (cont'd)

"...cooperative (e.g., government & industry) approach to reopen maritime commerce along waterways impacted by a natural disaster."

- Partners

- ◆ USCG, USACE, NOAA, States, Local Authorities
- ◆ GICA, AWO, Marine Industry
- ◆ Augments and does NOT supersede other plans
- ◆ **Expandable & contractable to meet the need of each storm**

GICA Responsibilities

- Recognized as the primary conduit to facilitate communications to and from the inland barge industry with the USACE & USCG
- Support USCG MTSRU
- Coord Industry Response Teams
- Joint Hurricane Protocol caretaker

Key Take Aways

GICA is a

resource and

- Both
- It's a

force

- In **ms**

multiplier

Conference Calls

- Pre and Post Storm calls
- Port Coordination Teams
 - ◆ COTP led
 - ◆ Safely / Efficiently Securing Traffic
 - ◆ And resuming Traffic Post-storm
- Waterways Restoration
 - ◆ USACE led
 - ◆ Prepare for, and Conduct Waterways Restoration
 - ◆ Review Pre and Post Storm Actions
- Calls are typically closely coordinated

Pre and Post Storm Actions

- Pre
 - ◆ Waterway Impacts/Closures
 - ◆ Flood Control Status
 - ◆ Locks – Bridges
 - ◆ Send timely & accurate information critical for op planning
- Post
 - ◆ Waterway Assessments
 - ◆ Logistics
 - ◆ Channel Clearing / Salvage / Bridge & Lock ops
 - ◆ Send timely & accurate information critical for op planning

GICA NAV ALERTS



GICA notified by USCG MSU Port Arthur that the channel in the vicinity of GIWW MM 284 WHL has been REOPENED to routine vessel traffic.

+++Original GICA NAV ALERT issued earlier on 18 May 22 copied below for reference.+++

GICA advised by USCG MSU Port Arthur that the GIWW in the vicinity of the Port of Port Arthur, approximately MM GIWW 284 WHL, is currently CLOSED to vessel traffic do to a large diesel spill in the water.





The Secret Sauce



INDUSTRY RESPONSE TEAMS

- Industry JHT members
- **Lead – GICA President**
 - Incident Command Team
 - ◆ Primary and Secondary
 - Self Help Plan Team
 - Waterway Assessment Team
 - Logistics Support Center Team

Today's Meeting

- Look Back at Last Year's Response to Gulf Coast Hurricanes – what worked, what needs work?
- Partners Outline Roles / Concerns
- Changes Over the Past Year?
 - ◆ Policy Changes
 - ◆ Process Changes
 - ◆ Physical Waterways Changes
 - ◆ People and Position Changes
- Recommended Protocol Changes
- Goal – Smooth Protocol Implementation!

Contact

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- **Updated Protocol for 2022 will be published on GICA Website: www.gicaonline.com**

GICA 117th Annual Seminar



August 3-5, 2022

Westin Canal Place New Orleans

Our speaker list and presentations this year will again be highlighted by senior leaders in industry, politics and our Federal partners. We'll have relevant, timely, and interesting topics addressing the inland waterways....*and golf!*

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