

KATRINA'S WRATH



- **Hurricane Katrina
August 29, 2005**
- **Hurricane Katrina was the costliest and one of the deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States.**
- **Estimated cost 75 billion**
- **Katrina which at that time rivaled the intensity of Hurricane Camille a 1969 Storm that hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast.**

Hurricane Katrina

August 29, 2005

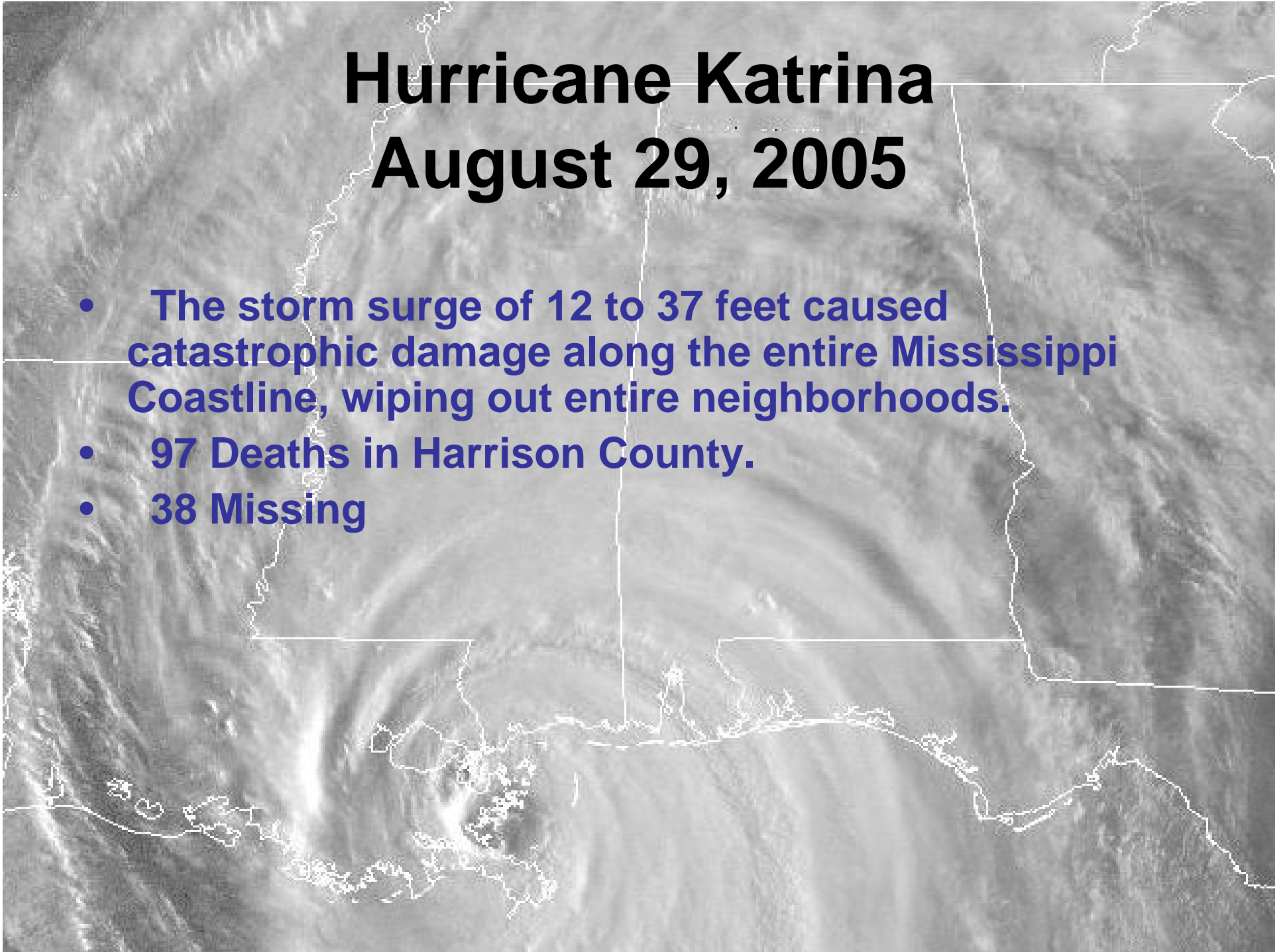
- It was the eleventh named storm, fifth Hurricane, third major hurricane, and the second Category 5 hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season.
- It was the sixth-strongest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded



Hurricane Katrina

August 29, 2005

- The storm surge of 12 to 37 feet caused catastrophic damage along the entire Mississippi Coastline, wiping out entire neighborhoods.
- 97 Deaths in Harrison County.
- 38 Missing



A blue-tinted photograph of a harbor at night. In the foreground, several fishing boats are docked at a pier. The boat in the lower-left foreground is white with the name "MISS LAINIE" and the number "28225" visible. The background features a large, multi-story building with a "BANK" sign. The sky is dark, and the water reflects the lights from the boats and buildings.

Gulfport, MS

*The calm before the Storm....
And Then....
Followed by 10 hrs of terror*



















































Hurricane Katrina



The Gulfport
Mississippi Story

August 27, 2005 Meeting at EOC



A satellite image of Hurricane Katrina over the Gulf of Mexico, with a white outline map of the United States overlaid. The hurricane's eye is visible in the lower-left quadrant of the image, over the Gulf of Mexico. The text is overlaid on the map.

Hurricane Katrina

August 28

On August 28, The National Weather Service issued a bulletin predicting “devastating”, “catastrophic” damage from Hurricane Katrina. It was at this point the word “Mandatory Evacuation” was used.

STORM PLANNING

- **Preparing Operational plan**
- **All personnel take steps to address their personal needs.**
- **Keep emergency vehicles fully serviced and fueled.**
- **Placement of special equipment and checking all generators.**
- **Monitoring evacuation routes.**
- **Shelters**



August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina

- **Logistics**
 - **Staging equipment in various locations**
 - **Relocated communications equipment
School Administration Building.**
 - **On hand fuel for police equipment (3000
gallon tank).**
 - **Clear instructions for supervisors after all
clear announced.**

Hurricane Katrina

We Thought We Were Ready...





Hurricane Katrina During the Storm

- Loss of power
- Dispatchers faced with 911 calls from citizens and unable to send rescue
- Unable to communicate with outside world.
- No cell phones
- Communications with County EOC sketchy.
- Failed generators at two substations.
- Loss of sewer and water.
- Could not perform rescue on police officers and families.
- Complete loss of E911 System.

Hurricane Katrina After the Storm

- All clear is given
- Police Officer's trapped inside of homes from flooding.
- Could not leave due to roadways blocked or vehicle damage.
- First Responder had losses.
 - Weapons
 - Radios
 - Vehicles
 - Uniforms
 - Homes



Operation – Hurricane Katrina After the Storm

- Limited communications with outside agencies
- Numerous emergency/rescue calls that were holding to be dispatched.
- Looting began immediately.
- Search and rescue hampered by amount of devastation.
- Unable to treat deaths according to policy.
- Fuel Shortage
- Could not get to Maintenance facility.
- Generator at Maintenance facility damaged, had to find someone to work on it.

Hurricane Katrina After the Storm

- Lost main station to flood waters.



An aerial photograph of the Gulf of Mexico coastline, showing the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The coastline is highly irregular, with many bays and peninsulas. The text is overlaid on this image.

Hurricane Katrina After the Storm

- **Working with Police Officers who had personal losses**
 - **Stress Level with personnel**
 - **Unable to contact family members**
 - **Loss of homes and personal property**
 - **Long hours away from families**

Hurricane Katrina Outside Assistance

- Enactment of the EMAC.
- Help from other agencies
- On the ground 08/31/05
- Established command post.



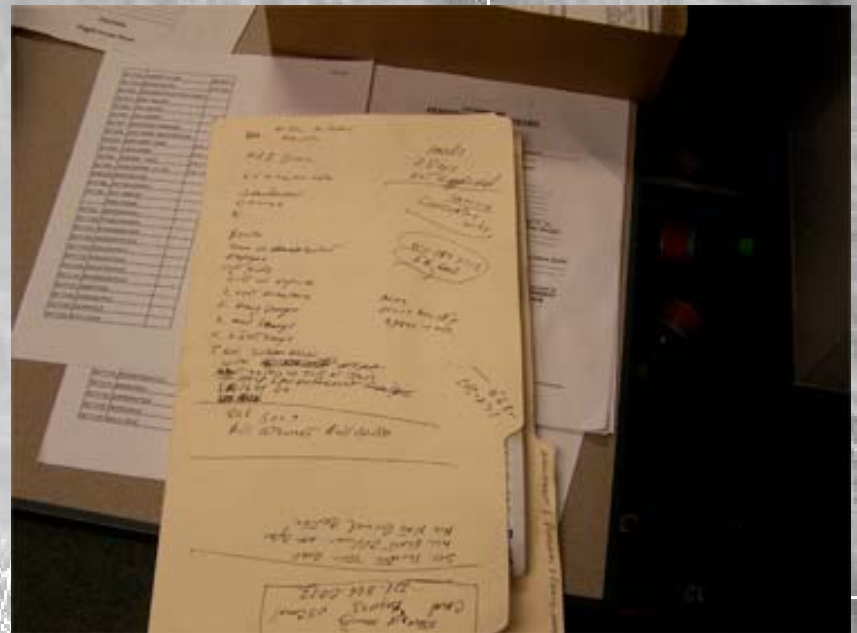


Hurricane Katrina Outside Assistance

- ICS implemented after the storm.
- Organization had to be established
 - Organizational charts
 - Command Post
 - Accountability

Hurricane Katrina Getting Organized

- Loss of span of control
- Incident was greater than current ICS.
- Ability to document was limited.



Hurricane Katrina

Working with outside agencies



- Several agencies were on the ground within hours after the storm.
- Biggest problems:
 - RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
 - Unfamiliar territory
 - Those that were not self contained – no lodging, no showers, no hot meals, outside of MRE's.

Hurricane Katrina

Working with outside agencies

- **Logistical Problems**
 - No bathrooms
 - No showers
 - No proper garbage depot
 - No ready maps
 - Lodging
 - Washers/Dryers



Hurricane Katrina Points of Distribution



- **Food and water**
 - **Problems**
 - No direct communications with FEMA
 - No known routes for trucks to take
 - Miscommunication with State FEMA rep.
 - No staging areas
 - Roads not cleared
 - No established POD locations

Hurricane Katrina Points of Distribution



- **Points of Distribution**
 - Personnel to monitor
 - Alerting the public of their location
- **County EOC and FEMA slow moving with request and answers.**



Hurricane Katrina

Post Katrina Statistics

- Over 130 Looting arrests
- Fourth Quarter of 2005, Part One crimes were down approximately 25% from the same time period of 2004.
- Had a drastic decrease in calls for service (25%)
- Violent crimes in the first quarter of 2006 was up 8% while property crimes went down by 15%
- Gulfport's # 1 problem Post Katrina has been traffic related, with a 67% increase in vehicle crashes. (2004 Fourth Quarter)

A satellite image of Hurricane Katrina over the Gulf of Mexico. The hurricane's eye and spiral bands are clearly visible. White outlines of the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama are overlaid on the image. The text "Hurricane Katrina" is centered in the upper half of the image.

Hurricane Katrina

Operational Issues

Hurricane Katrina

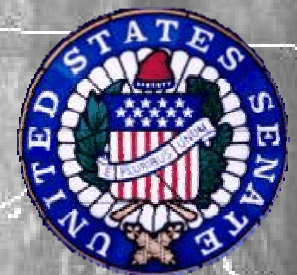
Operational issues

- Payroll
- Personal time off
- Replacing equipment
- Daily activity logs
- Handling normal patrol calls
- Getting HEP and Tetanus Shots
- Traffic control issues



Hurricane Katrina Visiting Dignitaries

- Accommodating Visiting Dignitaries.
 - Personnel
 - Working with Secret Service
 - Arranging meetings.



Hurricane Katrina

Unified Command



Hurricane Katrina

Unified Command

- **FDLE EMAC expired after 30 days**
- **Had to set up command with all local agencies**
- **Unified Command established**
 - Harrison County Sheriffs Department
 - Biloxi Police Department
 - Gulfport Police Department
 - Long Beach Police Department
 - Pass Christian Police Department
 - Mississippi Highway Patrol



Hurricane Katrina

Unified Command

- Had to have a meeting place
- Needed representative from every agency that could make on site decisions.
- Had to meet everyday.
- Each agency had an equal voice.
- All requests went through Unified command.
- MHP Rep was direct link to MEMA/FEMA
- Coordinating incoming outside agencies arrivals





Hurricane Katrina

Unified Command

- **Deciding the number of troops to each agency**
- **Unified Command Report**
- **Email capability**
- **Providing necessary essentials**

Hurricane Katrina Hazmat Issues



- Leaking containers
- Over 10 million pounds of decaying chicken and pork products
- Raw sewage on top of ground

A satellite image of Hurricane Katrina over the Gulf of Mexico. The hurricane's eye and spiral bands are clearly visible. White outlines of the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama are overlaid on the image. The text "Hurricane Katrina" is centered in the upper half of the image.

Hurricane Katrina

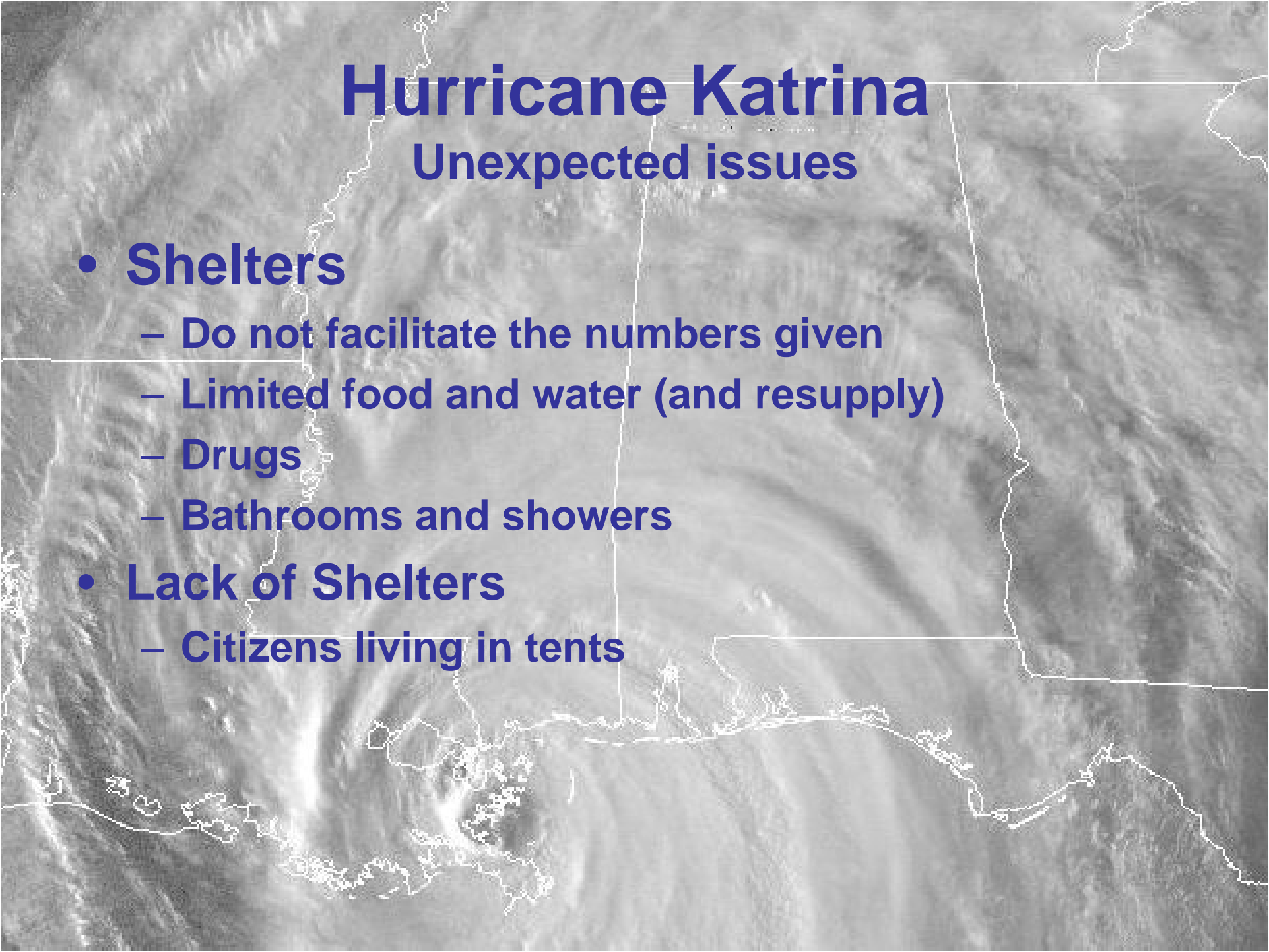
Unexpected Issues

Hurricane Katrina

Unexpected issues

- Power being restored
- Business' reopening
- More traffic on streets after curfew
- Fires from power being restored
- Long lines at gas stations
- Fights at gas stations
- Directing traffic at intersections that we have never had to direct traffic at before.
- Animal control issues





Hurricane Katrina

Unexpected issues

- **Shelters**

- Do not facilitate the numbers given
- Limited food and water (and resupply)
- Drugs
- Bathrooms and showers

- **Lack of Shelters**

- Citizens living in tents

Hurricane Katrina

Unexpected issues

- **Debris Trucks**
 - Damaging power lines
 - Enforcing height restrictions



Hurricane Katrina

Unexpected issues

- **Imposters posing as FEMA inspectors and First Responders**



Hurricane Katrina

Donations



- Place to store all donations for displaced officers
- Accountability
- Accessibility
- Determining needs.

**BE SPECIFIC IN YOUR REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE**

**PARKING LOTS BECAME DUMPING
GROUNDS**



A photograph of a beach at sunset. The foreground is dominated by a large pile of debris, including wooden planks and other fragments. In the middle ground, several trees are silhouetted against the bright, colorful sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a gradient of colors from pink to blue. The ocean is visible in the distance.

**A Heartfelt Thank You
For all of your support and prayers**

www.gulfportpolice.net

**Gulfport Police Department
Gulfport, MS
Chief Alan Weatherford**