

# August 27, 2005 Meeting at EOC



A satellite image of Hurricane Katrina is shown over the Gulf of Mexico. A white outline map of the United States is overlaid on the image, with the Gulf of Mexico coastline clearly visible. The hurricane's eye and spiral cloud bands are prominent in the lower-left quadrant of the image.

# **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**



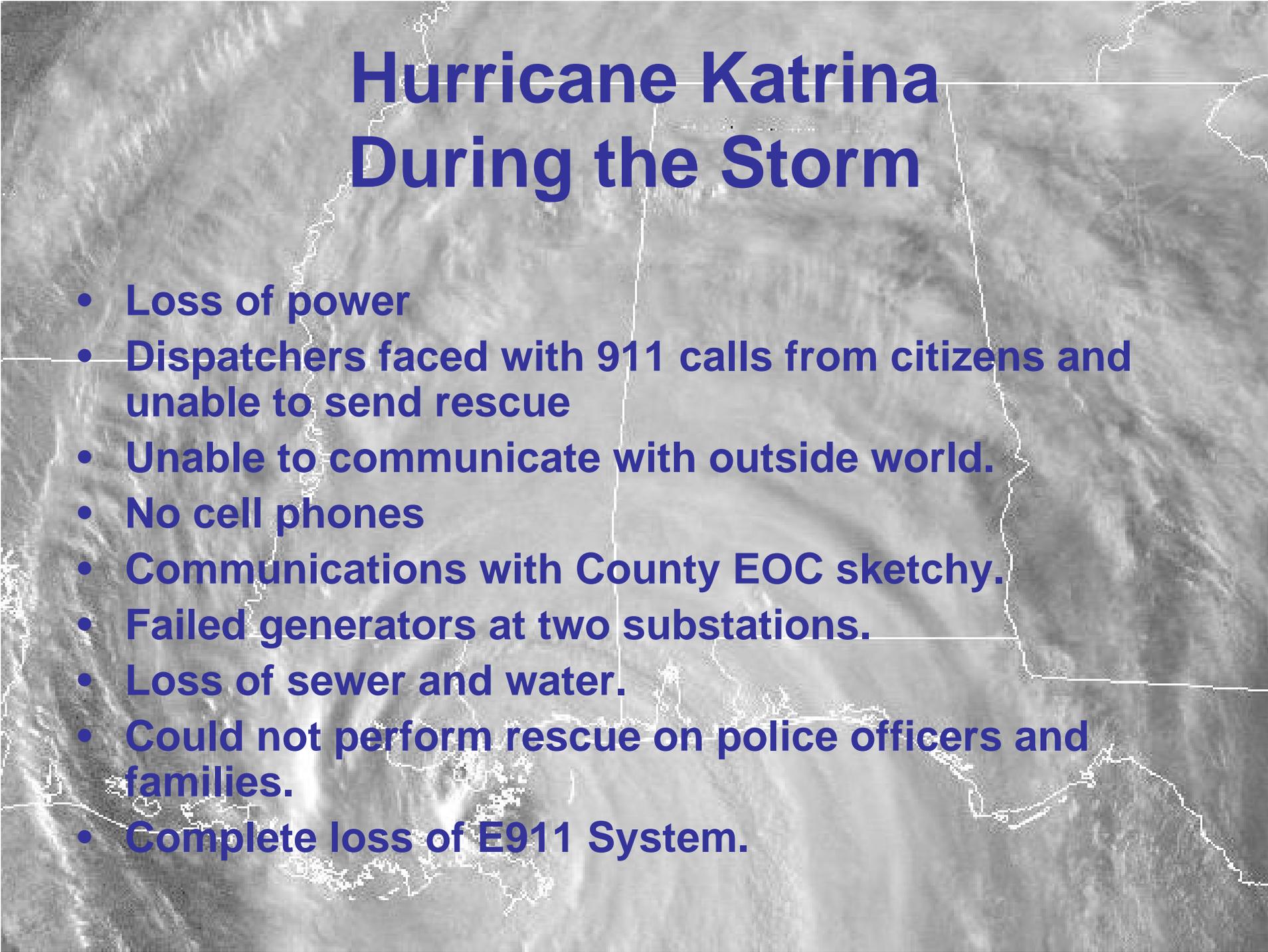
# **August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina**

- **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.





# 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.



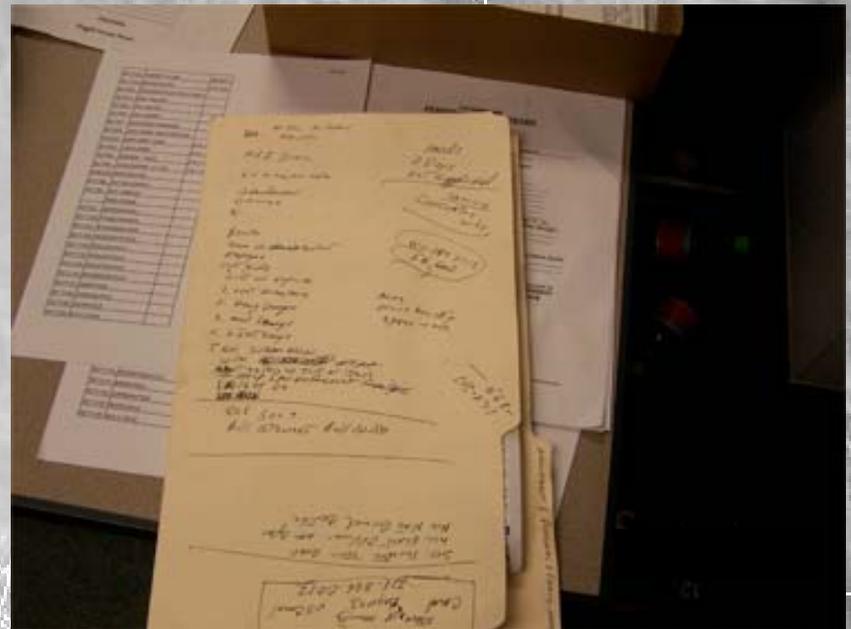


# Hurricane Katrina Outside Assistance

- 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.

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## 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

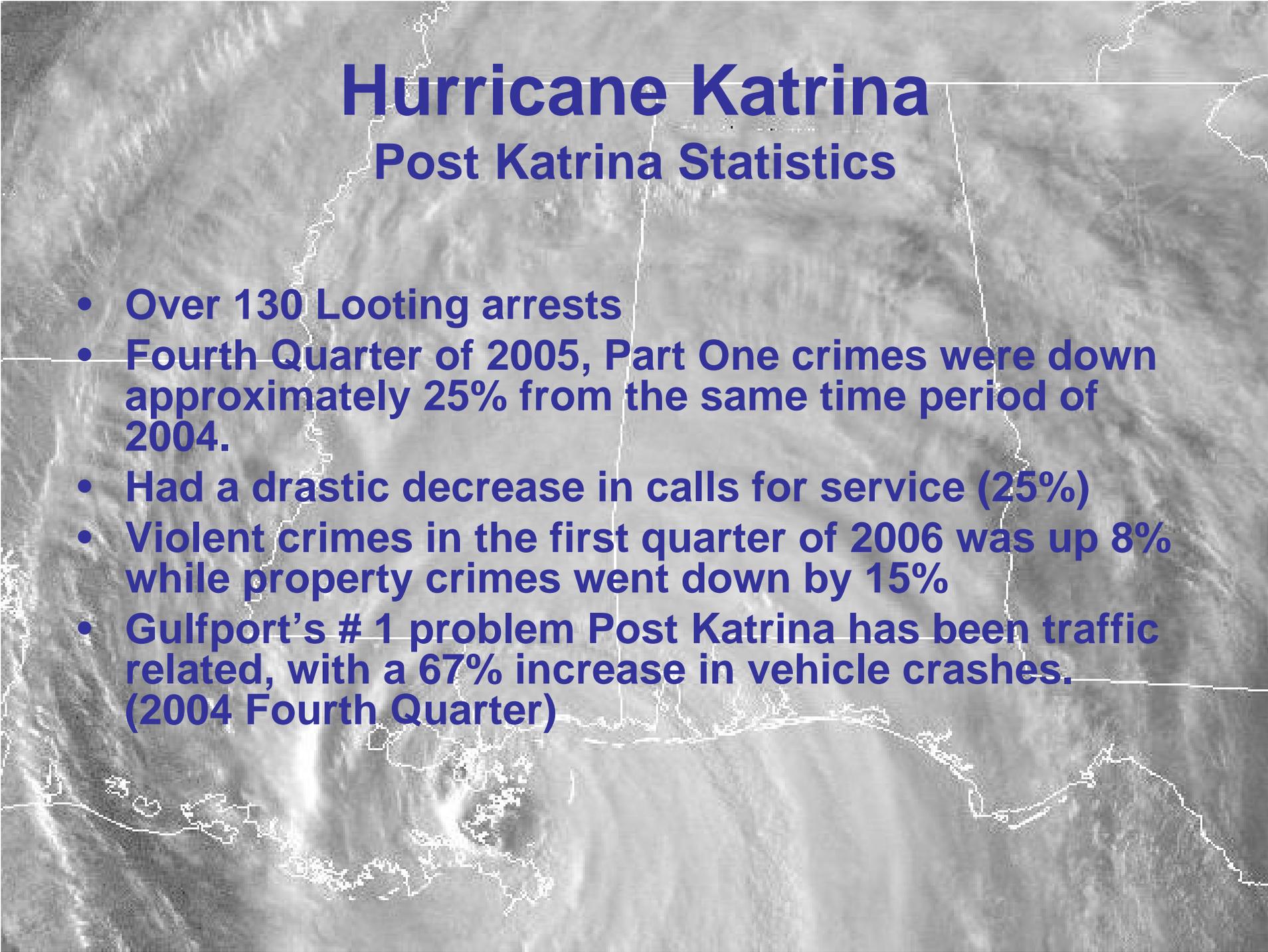


- Food and water
  - Problems
    - No direct communications with FEMA
    - No known routes for trucks to take
    - Miscommunication with State FEMA rep.
    - No staging areas
    - Roads not cleared
    - No established POD locations

# 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)