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Operational Issues

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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.



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Unified Command



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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



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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





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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

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- 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





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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

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Unexpected issues

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



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Unexpected issues

- Imposters posing as FEMA inspectors and First Responders



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

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