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### HURRICANE IVAN

This month's edition of the Cyber Report was unexpectedly delayed due to the arrival of Hurricane Ivan and its impact on south Alabama. My staff and I have been working extremely hard to assist everyone in the First District as they recover from the disaster, and

I hope you'll call on us if we can be of assistance to you and your family. In the meantime, I wanted to share some photographs taken in the days following the arrival of Ivan, and provide you with a list of helpful post-hurricane assistance numbers.



*Left: President Bush speaks with Gulf Shores Mayor David Bodenhamer and Foley Mayor Tim Russell during his visit to Orange Beach. The President visited with rescue workers and disaster volunteers at the Orange Beach Fire and Rescue Department.*



*Right: Emma and Megan Krueger were called up to the microphone by Secretary Tom Ridge so he could praise them publicly for volunteering to assist disaster victims. Emma and Megan travelled from Birmingham to help pass out ice, water, and MREs at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex.*



*Left: President Bush thanks those involved with the rescue and recovery efforts in Orange Beach. To his right is Florida Governor Jeb Bush and on his left is Alabama Governor Bob Riley.*



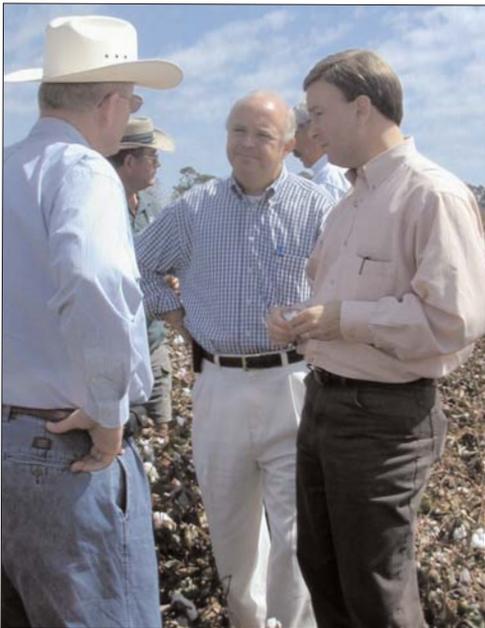
*Right: Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge takes a moment to visit with a hurricane victim waiting to pick up ice, water, and MREs at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex.*



*Left: Small Business Administrator Hector Barretto discusses small business losses in Gulf Shores with Mayor David Bodenhamer.*



*Right: Congressman Hal Rogers, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee, left, and former Congressman Sonny Callahan tour the Gulf Coast to assess the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.*



*Congressman Mike Rogers, (right) and I spent a morning with ALFA's Jerry Newby (left) to inspect the losses Alabama's cotton crop suffered as a result of Hurricane Ivan.*



*Road crews were quick to get to work on Highway 182 in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. The highway was washed out by the storm which created a breach from the Gulf of Mexico into Lake Shelby.*



*The timber industry suffered enormous losses statewide as a result of Hurricane Ivan. Timber farmers in the state lost approximately 200,000 acres of timber which translates into a \$700 million loss for our state's timber industry.*



*Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and I were honored to visit with Owen Gray, owner of Big O's Restaurant in Gulf Shores. Owen has been feeding relief workers three meals a day free of charge despite his own personal losses.*



*Secretary Ridge listens intently as a local restaurant owner explains how the losses he has suffered will affect him as well as his employees and the local community.*



*Governor Bob Riley and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson visited Atmore to share in a worship service at the First Baptist Church in Atmore. Secretary Jackson presented Governor Riley with a \$500,000 check to aid the State of Alabama with debris removal.*

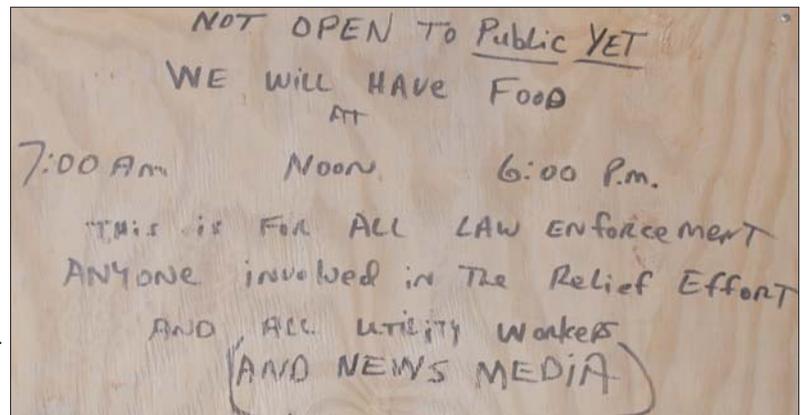


*Some houses on Dauphin Island's West End are literally standing in the Gulf of Mexico, while others were blown off their pilings like the house in the foreground of this photo taken over a week after the storm.*



*Right: The Winfield Resort Properties in Orange Beach are a total loss.*

*Right: A sign outside Big O's Restaurant announces their complimentary meal schedule for law enforcement, relief workers and the media.*



# POST-HURRICANE ASSISTANCE: HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alabama EMA: 205-280-2201

Alabama Power: 1-800-888-2726 or 251-694-2314

Baldwin EMC: 251-424-0379

Attorney General's Consumer Protection Line (to report instances of price gouging and other violations): 1-800-230-9485 or 1-800-392-5658

Corps of Engineers (for temporary roofing and debris removal questions): 251-690-2400

## County EMAs:

Baldwin: 251-947-1011

Clarke: 251-275-8775

Escambia: 251-867-0232

Mobile: 251-460-8000

Monroe: 251-743-4107, Ext. 154

Washington: 251-847-2668

FEMA (for individuals and businesses with damage):  
1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY for hearing impaired)

Post-hurricane legal assistance: 800-354-6154

Red Cross: 1-800-435-7669 or 1-800-438-4636  
Mobile Red Cross: 251-438-2571  
Baldwin Red Cross: 251-943-3844 (Foley) or 251-937-3801 (Bay Minette)

FEMA Fraud and Abuse reporting: 800-323-8603

Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program (through FEMA): 1-800-621-3362

Public Information Number: 1-880-359-2227

[www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster)

[www.fema.gov/rrr/qanda.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/rrr/qanda.shtm)

To locate displaced family, individuals should call 1-866-434-4636, or contact their local chapter of the American Red Cross ([www.redcross.com](http://www.redcross.com)).

To make donations for disaster recovery or to volunteer, individuals can call the American Red Cross at 1-800-435-7669.



*The U.S. Coast Guard Aircrew CG 6023, stationed at the USCG Aviation Training Center in Mobile, did an outstanding job of providing a helicopter tour of the Gulf Coast and inland areas to Congressman Hal Rogers, former Congressman Sonny Callahan, and me. Pictured with me are SCPO John Milbrandt, SCPO John Burns, LCDR Ryan Griffin, and LT Mike Rasch.*



*Work to repair the washed out Interstate 10 bridge east of Pensacola began immediately after the storm passed. Amazingly, the west-bound lane opened to traffic just 3 1/2 weeks after Hurricane Ivan hit the Gulf Coast.*



*It was a proud moment for me to stand with volunteers at the First Baptist Church in Atmore where over 21,000 meals have been served to those affected by Hurricane Ivan.*

*I'd like to extend a personal thanks to all those who have helped in the relief effort in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan. We have seen some truly amazing acts of compassion and generosity during South Alabama's time of need.*