

AAR Mobility Systems Supports Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts



AAR Mobility Systems stepped up to the plate when our country needed help recovering from the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina. Over \$1.3 million worth of AAR equipment is on loan to the National Guard and we are also providing direct on-site support valued at more than \$50,000.

Improving First Responder Communications



The primary communications platform during the early days of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts was the AC3 (Advanced Command, Control, Communications) system. Developed by AAR partner IPS, and integrated into a mobile platform by AAR, the AC3 is a complete IP-based mobile communication platform providing radio information exchange between first responders such as medical teams, fire fighters, local police, and military personnel.

AAR and IPS personnel prepared four AC3 systems for deployment to Belle Chase, Louisiana for use by the California National Guard. AAR also loaned out an additional mobile AC3 system and a standalone AC3 package.

The California National Guard transferred control of AAR's mobile AC3 system to the Louisiana National Guard to support their communications needs. The standalone AC3 system was transferred to the Texas National Guard to support the evacuee shelter operations in the Houston Astrodome. This system is serving as the primary communications hub for the Texas National Guard.

Supporting Troops at the Scene

AAR's second wave of support aided Arkansas National Guard personnel deployed to the Katrina disaster area. AAR sent refrigerated containers, water systems, shelters, and other equipment to their encampment near Belle Chase. More refrigerated containers are en route from Cadillac to the Tennessee and Kentucky National Guard units supporting the relief effort.



AAR technicians are on the scene to support this equipment and train soldiers to operate and maintain it. The equipment will remain on location to support the National Guard units as long as it is needed.