

AVMA Situation Report 3 – Tropical Storm Frances

Date: 9/7/04

Location: Florida

VMAT Update:

17 members from VMAT#3 and 5 members from VMAT#2 continue to be staged in Southern Pines with trucks packed waiting for orders to move. At this time it appears that the impact of the storm to central FL was not as great as once thought- discussions with veterinarians in Orlando and Ocala suggest only isolated problems (other than lack of electrical power). The Palm Beach and Stewart communities to the south appear to have been harder hit- contact with local veterinarians will be attempted. One additional problem statewide is low fuel reserves.

Hurricane Ivan continues to be monitored.

For information on how you can help support VMAT and animal disaster preparedness, please visit www.avmf.org.

For more information on VMAT and to learn how you and your clients can prepare for disasters visit www.avma.org/disaster.

Incident Update:

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/storm/content/weather/special/storm/2004/atlantic/frances/news.html>

TAMPA, Fla. — Frances wound up a two-day assault on Florida that pounded both the central part of the state and the Panhandle, leaving storm-weary residents Tuesday with flooding, frayed nerves and shortages of everyday items such as gas, ice and water. At least 10 deaths were blamed on the storm in Florida and Georgia.

BULLETIN
TROPICAL STORM FRANCES
NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
6 AM EDT SEP 07 2004
FORECASTER SZATANEK

.TROPICAL DEPRESSION FRANCES MOVING THROUGH EASTERN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA...FLOODING REMAINS A THREAT FOR MUCH OF THE SOUTHEAST...

FLOOD WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR PORTIONS OF FLORIDA...SOUTH CAROLINA AND MOST OF GEORGIA THROUGH TUESDAY AFTERNOON. ADDITIONALLY FLOOD WATCHES HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR PORTIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA...KENTUCKY...ALABAMA... TENNESSEE...NORTH CAROLINA...SOUTH CAROLINA...FLORIDA...AND A BEVY OF COUNTIES IN GEORGIA. A WIND ADVISORY IS IN EFFECT FOR WESTERN AND CENTRAL GEORGIA. THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER HAS ISSUED A TORNADO WATCH BOX ENCOMPASSING CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA...AND NORTHEASTERN GEORGIA.

ADDITIONAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 4-6 INCHES WITH ISOLATED HEAVIER AMOUNTS CAN BE EXPECTED TODAY ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST IN THE WAKE OF TROPICAL DEPRESSION FRANCES.

Florida State Emergency Operations Center
Greg Christy D.V.M.
ESF17 Coordinator
Situation Report 09/04/04

Current operations:

1. Area commander Greg Christy D.V.M. ESF17 Coordinator
2. Established tentative Incident Command Post (ICP)
3. Alternate ICP sites
4. Incident Commander Mr. David Perry
5. ICP Command Staff assigned and ready for deployment to ICP
6. ESF17 County Staging Areas
7. Animal carcass disposal plan in progress with Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Forestry
8. Florida Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA) is coordinating volunteer veterinarians and AHTs. Lists will be provided to ICP, agency liaisons and county ESF17 coordinators
9. The FVMA website www.fvma.com is providing important EM information
10. The Division of Animal Industry website www.doacs.state.fl.us/ai/aindex.htm is providing important EM information
11. The Florida Division of Emergency Management website www.floridadisaster.org is providing important EM and Hurricane Frances information
12. ESF17 has established donation and volunteer "hot lines" for:

DONATIONS and HUMAN RELATED DONATIONS

ESF-15

1-800-FLHELP1
(1-800-354-3571)

LARGE VOLUME FEED OR ANIMAL PRODUCT DONATIONS

Division of Animal Industry
1-877-815-0034
1-850-410-0900

INDIVIDUAL SMALL DONATIONS OF FEED OR ANIMAL PRODUCTS
VOLUNTEER HELP FOR ANIMAL CARE

Please coordinate your donation with:
Humane Society of the US
1-888-259-5431

VETERINARIANS, AHTs AND VET MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Florida Veterinary Medical Association
1-800-992-3862

13. Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement prepared to provide road access as needed for assessment teams
14. Code 3 Mobile Veterinary Hospital en route from Colorado
15. University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine provided the following information:

Alachua County

Equine, Small Animal

The College of Veterinary Medicine is the only large and small animal hospital in Alachua County with back up power capability. It is also the only surgical equine facility in the county. Alachua County ESF 17 has agreed that the CVM needs to be a primary site for care until the local veterinary community returns to normal, at which time the CVM will continue as a tertiary care facility to the open practices. Alachua County will ensure the CVM has fuel for the generators. The CVM will be staffed around the clock through the storm period.

Marion County

Equine

The College of Veterinary Medicine has been coordinating with the three equine hospitals in Marion County to develop a plan to protect the Equine Industry. The CVM Large Animal Hospital staff is coordinating with the local equine community to be available as a tertiary care hospital for the three in Marion County, and to be a primary care facility for the north end of the county. It has made its clinicians available to backfill the staff of the three equine hospitals as needed. The CVM has been leading in the larger effort of coordinating with the county and the mobile equine practitioners to help ensure resources are best used, and communication is maintained via phones and radio stations.

Small Animal

The College of Veterinary Medicine has been in contact with a few Marion County small practitioners, and few have generator capability. CVM will provide both primary and tertiary care to the community and its practices. The CVM will also provide a team to man the Code 3 vehicle in Marion County as needed.

16. Twelve coordinated FDACS/Division of Animal Industry and USDA/VS assessment teams prepared for deployment to ICP
17. USDA/FSA under the direction of Mr. Tim Manning has received approval from U.S. Forestry to provide up to 2000 forestry personnel for 20 man teams with 6 chainsaws for debris removal for producers' fences and corrals to expedite fence repair and animal shipments
18. Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART) participants include:
 - University of Florida IFAS (Extension Service)
 - University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine
 - Southeast Region Humane Society of the United States

USDA/Veterinary Services
USDA/ Farm Service Agency
Florida Animal Control Association
Florida Cattleman's Association
Florida Veterinary Medical Association

Unmet Needs:

None at this time

Future Operations:

1. Rapid deployment and assessment for placement of ICP
2. Rapid deployment of Command Staff for ICP
3. Establish ICP and staff with assessment and response teams and SART agency liaisons
4. Establish county ESF17 staging areas for animal triage, feed and supply distribution
5. Deploy assessment teams