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Baltimore Employees Deploy to Support Katrina Efforts

Baltimore, Md. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District has deployed eight employees to provide emergency management support along the Gulf Coast following the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Three employees arrived at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama over the weekend in a Rapid Response Vehicle, or RRV. Stationed at a Corps facility at Fort McHenry in downtown Baltimore, the RRV is an International Harvester chassis and engine with a custom-built 36-foot-long body that can accommodate a staff of seven people or more. Its equipment includes laptop computers, office software, global position system equipment, digital cameras, phone and intercom system, satellite communications, cellular phone, radios (HF, VHF, and CB), drafting and mapping software, and wireless capability to network laptops within 200 feet of the RRV.

Other deployed District employees will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other Corps of Engineers districts to provide engineering and technology support, inspect residential roofs and oversee debris removal operations. More employees are likely to deploy as the officials on the ground in the affected area are better able to assess the needs of the region.

This is the third hurricane to which Baltimore District's employees have responded to in 2005.

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