

EMERGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors and Aging Network Disaster Coordinators

FROM: Carole Green, Secretary

SUBJECT: Call for Volunteers for Emergency Relief in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana
NOTICE #: 090905-1-I-OCFM

DATE: September 9, 2005

In the wake of the disasters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama the Administration on Aging has asked the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to contact the aging network to send out a **call for Case Managers**. We have learned that Case Managers have just begun reporting back to offices today and they have not yet had the opportunity to begin contacts with frail elders. We anticipate deploying **busloads** of individuals **out of Tallahassee** as a centralized deployment site to assist with on-site recovery efforts **beginning in Mississippi as soon as possible**. At this time, we do not have further information on the logistical aspect of the request. However, we anticipate that assignments will be for a **one-week duration**. This deployment will include staffing DRC's and conducting rapid needs assessments in the communities of Biloxi and Gulfport. Case managers are preferred, but we could use **general assistance too**. The conditions will be very basic – very similar to going to summer camp – in Mississippi. Housing will be air-conditioned. The conditions along the coast are rough, so persons need to be able to deal with heat, physical activity and the emotional stress of the disaster area itself. We will be sending a list of what we will provide and tips for the deployment shortly.

We have attached a **spreadsheet** for your use in collecting contact information for volunteers. Please send your completed spreadsheet to Fran Brooks at brooks@elderaffairs.org by no later than Saturday, September 10, 2005 at noon.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

This information is primarily for the following PSAs (circled/**bold**)

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Note: Other PSAs if able to assist are encouraged to respond.