

**Tropical Storm Helene
Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross
Situation Report # 8 9/26/00**

The Capital Area Chapter's Emergency Operations Center remains active between the hours of 8:00AM and 8:00PM.

Sheltering Information

No Shelters are either on standby or open as of this time.

Damage Assessment

Damage Assessment Teams have identified damage to 88 homes in Franklin, Leon and Wakulla Counties. Damage Assessment Teams continue to concentrate their efforts in the Sopchoppy area of Wakulla County. They are being hampered by the fact that the river has not receded enough to allow access of the entire area. A revised Detailed Damage Assessment Summary Sheet will be available tomorrow morning.

Mass Care

An additional 63 meals were served Monday to victims and emergency workers from one Mobile Feeding Vehicle from routes in the Wakulla County area. One Mobile Feeding Vehicle will continue to run a route in Wakulla County providing snacks, meals and bottled water today. A total of 700 meals have been served to date during this Disaster Relief Operation.

Family Services

Four Family Services Outreach Teams will continue door to door operations in Wakulla, Leon and Franklin Counties today. They will be working from the Mobile Community Disaster Education Classroom (MOCO) located at the River of Life Church in Sopchoppy.

As of Close of Business on 9/25/00 24 Emergency Financial Assistance cases have been opened. A total of 47 Comfort Kits and 33 Clean-Up Kits have been distributed to Disaster Victims.

Staffing

As of today 133 American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteers have been assigned to this Disaster Relief Operation. These volunteers have supported all function areas, from Mass Care (Feeding & Sheltering), Damage Assessment, Logistics, Public Affairs, Government Liaison, Communications, Family Services, Disaster Health Services (Nursing) and Disaster Mental Health Services.

Information Management

For the most current information and statistics on our activities related to Tropical Storm Helene please visit our web site at:

www.tallytown.com/redcross