Hurricane Katrina

KATRINA Overview Coast Guard

This was the largest search & rescue operation in United States history

In the southeast region of Louisiana USCG S&R

- √ 7,723 rescued by air resources
- √ 11,584 rescued by surface resources

19,307 Total USCG S&R

- √ 9,403 patients evacuated from hospitals
- ✓ Katrina created a 90,000 square-mile area of destruction in Mississippi & Louisiana, an area larger than the size of Great Britain
- ✓ At the height of rescue operations there were at least 43 Coast Guard helicopters, 8 fixed-wing aircraft, 14 Auxiliary craft, 27 cutters & hundreds of small boats assisting in rescue & recovery operations
- ✓ Approximately 1/3 of the Coast Guard's entire air fleet was deployed to the region to support rescue operations in the immediate aftermath of the storm

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