

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNORSTATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 9, 2005

To All State and Federal Law Enforcement Officers:

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Any such law enforcement officer dispatched by his/her respective federal agency pursuant to this request is hereby deemed to be working in cooperation with the local law enforcement officers of the area to which said federal officer may be located; and as such is hereby granted the authority to bear arms, make arrests and to make searches and seizures, in addition to any other power, duty, right and privilege as is afforded forces of the State of Mississippi.

This grant of authority shall remain valid and in effect until such time as the same is expressly revoked by me, or at the termination of the state of emergency, whichever comes first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Haley Barbour".
Haley Barbour

05-1981

Secretary

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528



**Homeland
Security**

September 7, 2005

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Office of the Governor
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Dear Governor Blanco:

I received your request of September 6, 2005, for law enforcement assistance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS is dedicated to providing the necessary resources to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery and reconstruction effort in the days and weeks ahead, including your critical law enforcement needs. Our law enforcement personnel have been working tirelessly to provide assistance in New Orleans and around the State of Louisiana. Please be assured that we will continue to provide assistance in close coordination with you and your State and local authorities.

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Michael Chertoff

cc: Attorney General Gonzales

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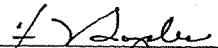
ORDER NO. 2779-2005

AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO HURRICANE KATRINA

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Attorney General by law, including 28 U.S.C. §§ 509, 510, 564, and 566, and 42 U.S.C. § 10501, I hereby direct the Deputy Attorney General, during and in relation to the law enforcement emergency described by the Governor of Louisiana in her request of September 3, 2005, received today, to take all necessary and appropriate steps within available resources to provide the assistance so requested by the Governor.

Department of Justice law enforcement personnel who are engaged in this mission shall have the authority to enforce the laws of the United States and to assist law enforcement officials in the State of Louisiana to enforce the laws of that State. All such officers engaged in this mission shall coordinate with their state and local counterparts to make appropriate arrangements as necessary to ensure the most effective law enforcement assistance efforts in the State of Louisiana. In addition, all such officers shall be subject to the supervision of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, who may delegate operational authority to appropriate Department of Justice officials. The assistance provided pursuant to this order shall continue for 30 days unless extended by the Attorney General.

Sept 4, 2005


Alberto R. Gonzales
Attorney General

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

September 4, 2005

The Honorable Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor
State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Dear Governor Blanco:

I have received today your request for assistance of Deputy United States Marshals or other Department of Justice personnel in the State of Louisiana in support of law enforcement requirements created by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. This is to advise you that your request is approved and that I have directed the Deputy Attorney General immediately to take all necessary and appropriate steps within available resources to provide the assistance so requested, in coordination with you and other appropriate state and local authorities. Any Department personnel providing this assistance will be operating under the supervision of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and will be coordinating with their state and local counterparts to make all necessary arrangements to ensure appropriate authority to conduct their assistance efforts in the State of Louisiana. The assistance will continue for 30 days unless extended. In addition, I have directed the Office of Justice Programs to identify any funds that may be available to Louisiana through Department of Justice grant programs to fund state and local efforts related to Hurricane Katrina.

I recognize the extraordinary emergency situation with which you and the other citizens of Louisiana are dealing in the aftermath of the hurricane. Please be assured that the Department of Justice will be providing all the assistance it can to support your security and law enforcement efforts.

Sincerely,

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Alberto R. Gonzales

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KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Baton Rouge

70804-9004

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VIA FACSIMILE:

September 6, 2005

The Honorable Alberto Gonzales
US Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, DC

The Honorable Michael Chertoff
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C.

Dear Attorney General Gonzales and Secretary Chertoff:

This letter is to officially request the deployment of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers, Customs and Border Protection personnel and/or other Department of Homeland Security personnel to the following parishes: Assumption, Lafourche, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Washington in support of the law enforcement challenges created by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. The request is made under the Emergency Law Enforcement Assistance provisions of the Justice Assistance Act of 1974 (hereafter the "the Act"), 42 U.S.C. §10501-10503, which authorizes the U.S. Department of Justice to provide law enforcement assistance to a state. In accordance with 28 C.F.R. §65.31, I hereby inform you of the following:

- (a) Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state, which have threatened the safety and security of the citizens of the affected areas of the state of Louisiana. Shortly thereafter, levees broke in the parish of Orleans exacerbating the flooding, and posing further threats to the safety and security of the citizens of the affected areas;
- (b) Scores of people have been rescued, however, there are many more persons waiting for rescue and evacuation. The state of Louisiana's law enforcement manpower currently available to the state to respond to this emergency are insufficient in numbers to meet the demands of this natural disaster, and there is a dire need to immediately supplement the law enforcement presence in the area of the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina. Human life is at risk;
- (c) We request the immediate assistance of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Customs and Border Patrol and other components of the Department of Homeland Security, including funds, equipment, training, intelligence information, and personnel as appropriate; and
- (d) We are, at the time, receiving assistance from the U.S. Marshal's Office under this Act.

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Attorney General Gonzales and Secretary Chertoff
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I assure you that the state will comply with the other requirements of the Act, including provisions regarding nonsupplantation, nondiscrimination, and confidentiality of information.

Coordination of our law enforcement effort is being organized by LTC Joseph T. Booth, Deputy Superintendent, Louisiana State Police. Please contact their office at our Emergency Operations Center at ([REDACTED]) 43 or [REDACTED].

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,


Kaitleen Babineaux Blanco

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KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

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September 3, 2005

The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
U.S. Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, DC

Dear Attorney General Gonzales:

This letter is to officially request the deployment of deputy U.S. Marshals and/or other Department of Justice personnel to the following parishes: Assumption, Lafourche, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Washington in support of law enforcement requirements created by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. The request is made under the Emergency Law Enforcement Assistance provisions of the Justice Assistance Act of 1974 (hereafter "the Act"), 42 U.S.C. §10501-10503, which authorizes the U.S. Department of Justice to provide law enforcement assistance to a state. In accordance with 28 C.F.R. §65.31, I hereby inform you of the following:

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- c) We request the immediate assistance of the U.S. Marshals Services and other components of the Department of Justice, including funds, equipment, training, intelligence information, and personnel as appropriate; and
- d) We are, at the time, unaware of any other assistance the state has, or may receive under the Act.

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I assure you that the state will comply with the other requirements of the Act, including provisions regarding nonsupplantation, nondiscrimination, and confidentiality of information.

Coordination of our law enforcement effort is being organized by Louisiana State Police. Such office may be reached at our Emergency Operations Center at (504) 388-4444.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,


Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

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HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 3, 2005

Via Facsimile
[REDACTED]

The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
U.S. Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Attorney General Gonzales:

This is to officially request deployment of Deputy U.S. Marshals to the State of Mississippi in support of law enforcement requirements created by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. This request is made under the Emergency Law Enforcement Assistance provisions of the Justice Assistance Act of 1984 ("the Act"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 10501 - 10513, which authorizes the U.S. Department of Justice to provide law enforcement assistance to a state. In accordance with 28 C.F.S. § 65.31, I inform you of the following:

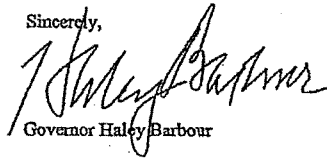
- (a) Due to Hurricane Katrina, the State of Mississippi has suffered widespread damage to property, power outages, fuel shortages, looting, and extensive loss of life.
- (b) State and local law enforcement do not have sufficient resources to handle this emergency alone and sufficiently protect the citizens of Mississippi.
- (c) We request the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service and other components of the Department of Justice, including funds, equipment, training, intelligence information, and personnel, as appropriate.
- (d) We are, at this time, unaware of any other assistance the State has, or may receive, under the Act.

Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
September 3, 2005
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Governor Haley Barbour



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

September 3, 2005

The Honorable Haley Barbour
Governor
State of Mississippi

Dear Governor Barbour:

I have received your request of today for assistance of Deputy United States Marshals in the State of Mississippi in support of law enforcement requirements created by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. This is to advise you that your request is approved and that I have directed the Director of the United States Marshals Service ("USMS") immediately to take all necessary and appropriate steps within available resources to provide the assistance so requested, in coordination with you and other appropriate state and local authorities. In providing this assistance, the USMS personnel will be operating under the supervision of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, and will be coordinating with their state and local counterparts to make all necessary arrangements to ensure appropriate authority to conduct their assistance efforts in the State of Mississippi. The assistance will continue for 30 days unless extended. In addition to the assistance to be provided by the USMS, I have directed the Office of Justice Programs to identify any funds that may be available to Mississippi through Department of Justice grant programs to fund state and local efforts related to Hurricane Katrina.

I recognize the extraordinary emergency situation with which you and the other citizens of Mississippi are dealing in the aftermath of the hurricane. Please be assured that the Department of Justice will be providing all the assistance it can to support your security and law enforcement efforts.

Sincerely,

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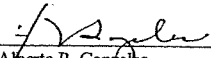
ORDER NO. 2778-2005

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE,
TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO HURRICANE KATRINA

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Attorney General by law, including 28 U.S.C. §§ 509, 510, 564, and 566, and 42 U.S.C. § 10501, I hereby direct the Director, United States Marshals Service, during and in relation to the law enforcement emergency described by the Governor of Mississippi in his request of September 3, 2005, to take all necessary and appropriate steps within available resources to provide the assistance so requested by the Governor.

Deputy United States Marshals who are engaged in this mission shall have the authority to enforce the laws of the United States and to assist law enforcement officials in the State of Mississippi to enforce the laws of that State. All such officers engaged in this mission shall coordinate with their state and local counterparts to make appropriate arrangements as necessary to ensure the most effective law enforcement assistance efforts in the State of Mississippi. In addition, all such officers shall be subject to the supervision of the United States Attorney in the Southern District of Mississippi, who may delegate operational authority to appropriate Department of Justice officials. The assistance provided pursuant to this order shall continue for 30 days unless extended by the Attorney General.

Sept 3, 2005
Date


Alberto R. Gonzales
Attorney General

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

September 2, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

FROM: The Attorney General *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Response to Hurricane Katrina

The Department of Justice is committed to providing all resources possible to help maintain law and order in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina in and around the City of New Orleans. As President Bush declared yesterday, "there ought to be zero tolerance of people breaking the law during an emergency such as this."

I appreciate the efforts your agencies already have undertaken to provide assistance to state and local law enforcement. I ask each of you to continue to coordinate with state and local law enforcement officials to identify areas where federal law enforcement might be of assistance. In particular, I ask:

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation to continue to deploy agents (including SWAT agents) and tactical assets (including helicopters, boats, and technical/communications assets) to the affected area;
- The Drug Enforcement Administration to prepare to deploy Mobile Enforcement Teams, special agents, and tactical assets (including helicopters and other aircraft) to the affected area;
- The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to establish a Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with related VCIT personnel and assets, to address any rise in criminal activity in that city; and
- The United States Marshals Service (1) to continue to deploy Deputy U.S. Marshals and Court Security Officers to conduct prisoner transport operations and provide additional court security and (2) to prepare to utilize the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS) to deploy law enforcement personnel to airports around the country as needed.

I know that Department of Justice personnel in Louisiana – from special agents to Deputy U.S. Marshals to support staff – already have logged many hours in difficult circumstances. Unfortunately, the recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina will take weeks and months, not days. In past natural disasters and emergencies, Department of Justice employees have demonstrated a tremendous spirit in assisting those in need. I know that you will rise to the occasion again. Thank you again for your contribution to this important effort.

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