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## TAB H TO APPENDIX 21 TO ANNEX C TO MSU PORT ARTHUR OPLAN 9783-06 SAFE HAVENS

The following locations will be used as safe havens when the District Commander orders an evacuation:

1. Barksdale AFB, LA (BAFB) – For units located geographically from East of Houston/Galveston to West of New Orleans, Louisiana, including MSO Morgan City, MSU Houma, and PRO Lockport.
2. Tyler, TX Metropolitan – The Tyler, TX metropolitan area will be considered as an alternate safe haven in the event that a Statement of Non-availability is granted from BAFB. The Logistics Chief will coordinate securing hotel rooms for about 300 evacuees.

For all safe havens, please note the following points:

1. Each evacuation is different. The safe havens plan for our arrival in an evacuation, but cannot reasonably anticipate every need presented in an emergency situation. Please be open minded, flexible, and willing to work with our hosts.
2. Do not rely on the safe haven to satisfy all of your needs. Plan ahead for an evacuation and bring everything you think you will need for a few days.
3. Checking in. DoD personnel, a Coast Guard liaison, and your unit's Evacuation Officer will process you and your family into the safe haven. They will direct you to parking, berthing, galley(s), and any other facilities or services you may need. Ensure you check in with your unit's Evacuation Officer so that you and your family are properly accounted for.
4. Berthing. Quality of berthing could range from BOQ rooms to cots in a gym, to a floor in an open bay, depending on the situation. Whatever the accommodations, these safe havens are meant for temporary refuge. Accommodations are usually on a first come, first serve basis with the highest quality accommodations being assigned first. Plan for the possibility of sleeping on a floor by bringing cots, linens, pillows, and sleeping bags for you and your family.
5. If the safe haven runs out of all available sleeping quarters, members will be given a Statement of Non-Availability and will be directed to available lodging off base in another military facility or at a commercial hotel.

6. Facilities. Members will have access to all regular facilities on base. These facilities include commissary, exchange, gym, medical, childcare, and galley(s).
7. Pets. BAFB will not accept pets.
8. Firearms: Members are strongly advised not to bring personally owned firearms to the safe haven. However, owners are required to report any firearms in their possession upon reporting to the safe haven. Safe haven security personnel will secure firearms in the base armory until the evacuee departs the safe haven.
9. Phone calls. Members should bring calling cards and cell phones to make phone calls.
10. Funding.
  - a. Members will only be reimbursed for travel if they go to their designated safe haven.
  - b. If members choose to go elsewhere, they will only receive the amount they would have received had they have gone to their designated safe haven.
  - c. If members receive a Statement of Non-Availability (SNA) from the designated safe haven and are directed to another military base or hotel, they will be reimbursed for the additional expense incurred at the location to which they are directed.
  - d. In the case an exception to the normally designated safe haven is granted by the District Commander, members will be reimbursed for expenses incurred at the new safe haven.
11. Memorandum of Agreement.
  - a. Barksdale AFBs will accept military personnel and their dependents on a space available basis. Civilian personnel and their dependents are granted a blanket waiver of non-availability.
  - b. Due to the limited availability of berthing at BAFB, evacuees will likely be provided contracted lodging in the Shreveport area.
  - c. If D8 obtains a statement of non-availability from BAFB early enough, evacuees may not need to travel to Shreveport. BAFB updates will be provided.

The following locations will be used as equipment and weapons safe havens when the District Commanders orders an evacuation:

1. An MOU signed, August 2005, with the Lumberton ISD and Lumberton Police authorize the use of the Lumberton High School and Lumberton Police Department for the emergency shelter of MSU Port Arthur's response equipment and weapons. This equipment safe haven will be utilized in the event that the hurricane is below a Category 3.
2. A verbal agreement with the Lufkin Police Department, Scott Mawcott, is in place for the safe haven of response equipment and weapons when the forecasted landfall of the hurricane will be Category 3 or higher.

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