

# Alabama State Port Authority Hurricane Preparedness & Recovery



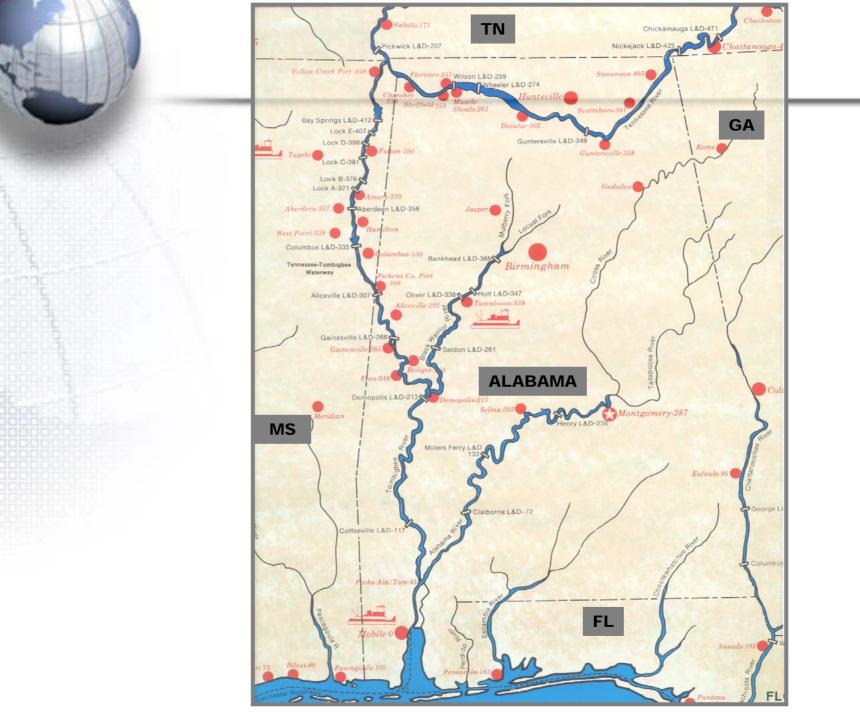
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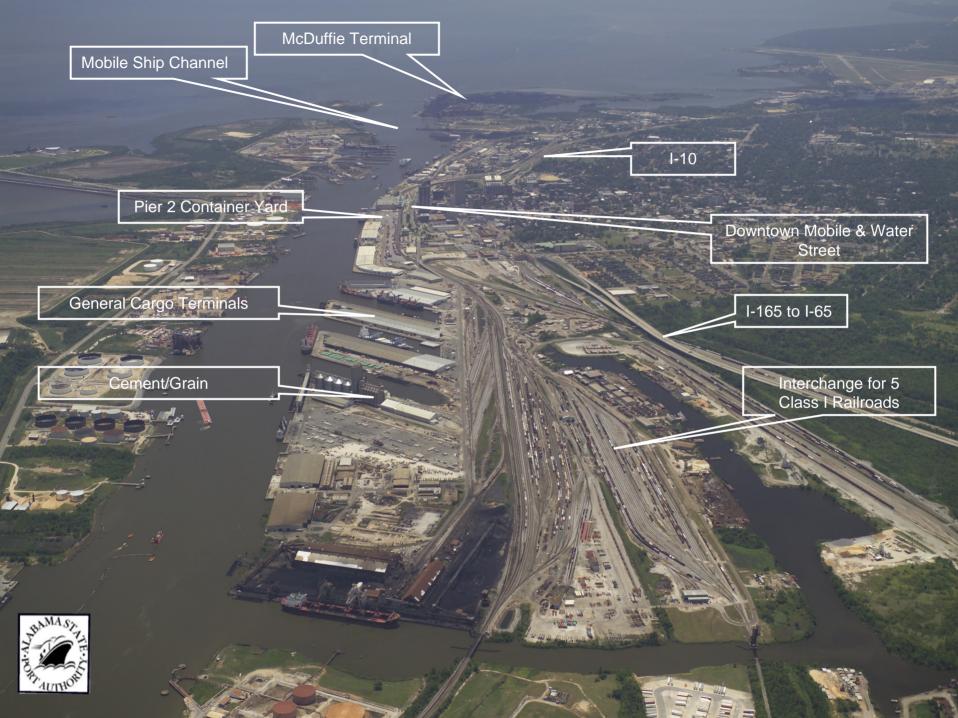
Leonardo da Vinci

#### Who is the Alabama State Port Authority?

- An Agency of the State of Alabama
- Full Service, Primarily Operating
   Port With Container, Breakbulk,
   Dry Bulk, Liquid Bulk Operations
   and Refrigerated Cargos
   In FY05, ASPA Alone Handled
   24+ Million Tons of Cargo
- Where is the Alabama State Port Authority?
  - At the Mouth of the Mobile River in the North End of Mobile Bay,
     32 Miles North of the Open Waters of the Gulf of Mexico









### **ASPA Hurricane Plan**

Preparations Begin at the Issuance of the National Weather Service's Notification of a Tropical Storm/Hurricane Entering the Gulf of Mexico & Port Area is Located in the Watch/Warning Area

- COMMUNICATIONS & COORDINATION
   Before, During & After the Storm
- MONITORING

National Weather Service – Intellicast – USA Coastal Weather Research Center – USCG Alerts

- SUPPLIES ASSESSMENT & PROCUREMENT
- ASSET PROTECTION
- EMPLOYEE PROTECTION
- RECOVERY



# **Communications Chain**

**Before, During & After the Storm** 

United States Coast Guard U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Port Senior & Supervisory Management Harbormaster State & Local Law Enforcement Port Police - State Troopers - City Police **Emergency Management Officials** Customers/Port Users Media



- 72 hours Prior to Landfall
  - All Port Division Hurricane Plans Initiated
  - Communications Equipment Inventoried, Readied, & Distributed
  - Supplies Inventoried Purchases Made
     Fuel, Generators, Batteries, Cables/Wire/Rope, Plywood,
     Parts, Etc.
  - Non-essential Operating Equipment and Materials Stowed or Secured
  - Information Technology
     File Backup, Non-essential Hardware Stowed



- Communications: Alerts & Conference Call Schedules
   Implemented
- Stow or Secure Non-Essential Operating Equipment
   Vulnerable to 40+ mph Winds
- Mobilize All Portable Response Gear Generators,
   Welders, Air Compressors, Pumps, Hoses, etc.
- Fuel & Lubricate All Rolling Stock & Equipment
- Fill Sandbags and Palletize for Distribution
- Conduct Area Inspections



- Communications: Step-up Alerts & Conference Calls
   Verify Locations and Phone/Radio Numbers & Radio
   Frequencies for All Essential & On-Call Personnel
- Stow or Secure Essential Operating Equipment
- Top Off Fuel & Lubricants for All Rolling Stock & Equipment
- Install Window Protection
- Schedule Shutdown of Water Mains
- Sandbag Vulnerable Areas and Doors
- Conduct Inspections
- Non-essential Personnel Released from Work



- Communications: Final Conference Calls & Set
   Schedule for Post Storm Communications
- Shut Down Remaining Operations & Stow/Secure Remaining Operating Equipment
- Secure Power Sources Not Required for Minimal Operations & Shutdown Non-essential Water Mains Power & Water Only Manned Areas
- All Remaining Info Tech Equipment is Stowed & Preparations for Server Shutdown Begin
- Raise Slightly Leeward Facing Warehouse Doors to Relieve Pressure



- Communications Continue
- Last Minute Storm Checks Completed
- All On-Duty Personnel Report to Stations (indoors)



# **Post-Storm Response**

- Communications Status Assessed & Management/Employee Notifications Issued
- Port Damage Assessments Begin
- Schedule Conference Calls
   USCG USACE Utilities Public Safety/Law Enforcement
- Essential & On-Call Personnel Called Back to Work
- USACE/USCG Inspections of Channels and Aids to Navigation Begin
- Port Recovery Efforts Begin



#### **Hurricane Ivan**

**September 23, 2004** 

**A Wind Event** 

**Total Damages: \$2.6 Million** 

Total FEMA Claims: \$500,000







#### **Hurricane Katrina**

August 29, 2005

A Flood Event

**Total Damages: \$29 Million** 

**Total FEMA Claims: \$17 Million** 



#### **HURRICANE KATRINA: DURING THE STORM**

















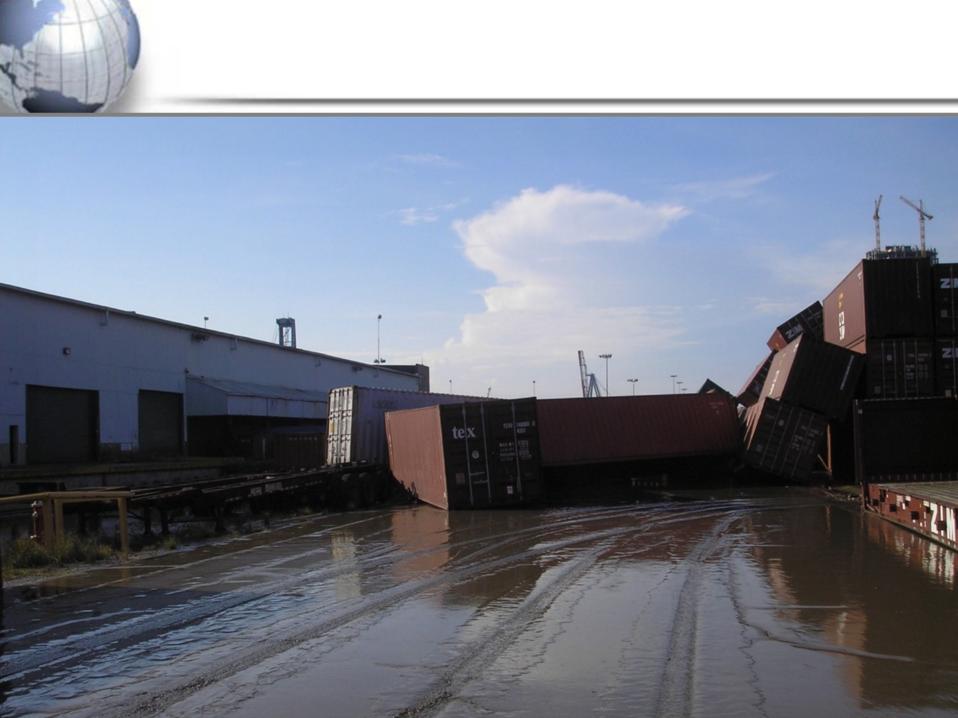
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#### A LOOK AT POST-STORM DAMAGE





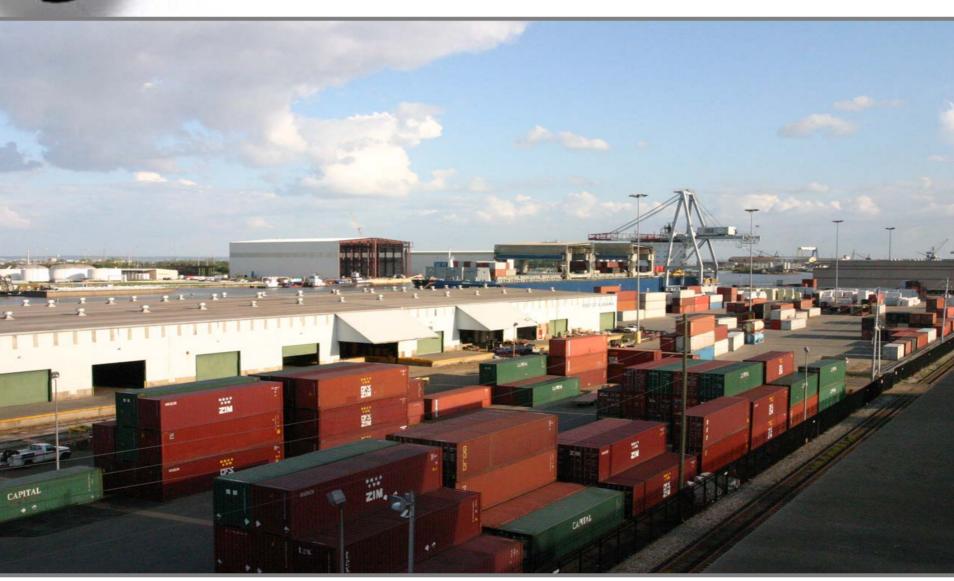




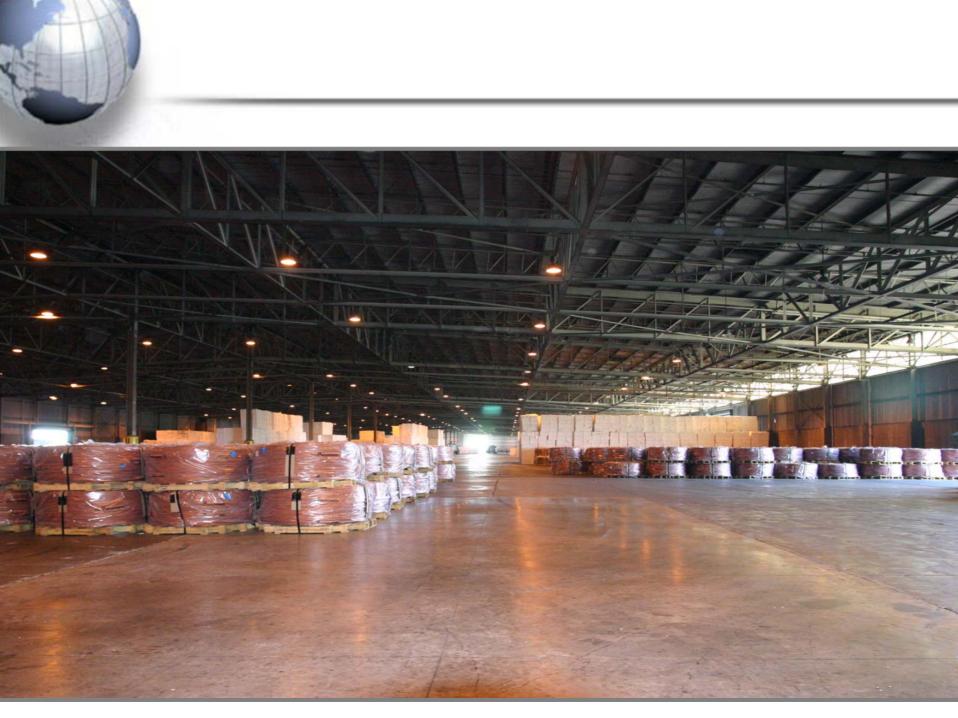




# **Mobile: Rapid Recovery**











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