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Board Memo 094-2024: Update on Hurricane Beryl near Matagorda Bay, Texas

Executive Board,

Below is an update from Michael Swigart, the Executive Director of Continuity and Preparedness, regarding Hurricane Beryl making landfall July 8th near Matagorda Bay, TX.

Situation: Weather conditions continue to improve across Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Power outages and degraded cellular service remain the biggest impacts along the storm's path, particularly in the Houston area.

People:

- Accounting for employees (all functions) along the storm's path continue but are hampered by cellular service outages.
- Employee accountability (percent accounted for) is as follows:
 - Texas 2 District – 95%
 - Southwest Division Processing – Beaumont - 100%; South Houston – 36% (130 out of 354); and North Houston – 88% (901 out of 1023)
 - Southwest Division Logistics – 50%
 - Field Maintenance – 100%
 - Fleet – 100%
- Call ins remain a challenge across all functions (particularly in the Houston area) and is impacting availability.
 - Retail and delivery (TX2) – 84% availability
 - Processing availability – North Houston 32%; South Houston 36%; and Beaumont 100%
 - Logistics – 38% availability
- There are no known employee personal impacts, but EAP and PERF information will be provided to employees.

Property:

Retail and Delivery

- Oklahoma and Arkansas Districts have no impacts.
- Nineteen (19) offices in two (2) districts suffered minor damages (TX1 – 4; and TX 2 – 15)
- One (1) office in the TX 2 District has reported water/sewage intrusion and will require an assessment by facilities to determine is safe to occupy.
- 109 offices in three (3) districts (AR-OK – 1; TX1 - 25; and TX2 – 83) are known to be without power.
- HQ, Field Maintenance are working a priority list of facilities to power with small generators to alleviate scanner download issues.

Processing and Logistics

- Beaumont and South Houston processing facilities have had grid power restored.

- North Houston remains without grid power.
 - Two generators arrived yesterday. Currently, one is operational. The 2 MW generator is no longer operational. An additional 1.5 MW replacement generator is enroute from San Antonio with an ETA of 1800 (central).
 - Facilities will reach to CenterPoint Energy (local power utility) to ensure USPS is a priority for restoration.

Product:

- Normal operations for all Districts; Processing and Logistics but impacted by power loss, significant cellular service degradation, and heavy employee call ins (availability).
- There were again no Amazon drops this morning in the areas impacted by Beryl.
- Airport operations at Houston have been resumed.
 - FedEx resumed operations with this morning.
- The contingency offload for North Houston P&DC continues.
 - Five (5) Pfizer trailers were inadvertently dropped at North Houston yesterday. Processing, BSN, Customer Relations, and Logistics are working to get these moved to the Dallas NDC and coordinate ongoing volume with Pfizer.

Communications:

- The Employee Emergency Hotline is being updated to reflect normal operations for today. Unions and Management Associations are being briefed daily.
- Post-hurricane stand up talks (SUTs) are being provided and will continue on a daily basis across all functions.
- Industry Alerts are being issued as appropriate.
- The next scheduled touchpoint is 1100 (Eastern) Wednesday July 10, 2024.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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