



**Hi Everyone,**

**Tropical Storm Gustav made landfall as a major hurricane on the Gulf Coast on Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 shortly after Hurricane Ike hit Texas. We sent out a message to the MRC volunteers in Weston, Ashland, Framingham, Lexington, Marlborough, Hudson, Concord, Medfield, Stow, Natick, Millis and Winchester over the holiday weekend to call for volunteers who may received Red Cross Shelter Operations training sometime in the last several years.**

**The National Headquarters of the American Red Cross had made a special request of local Red Cross Chapters to solicit availability for immediate deployment of trained shelter workers that are members of external groups. Preferably, multiple members of a single group would be ready for deployment on or before this Sunday, August 31, and would be available for 18-21 days; 26 of our volunteers responded and were willing to be deployed.**

**One of our volunteers Kerrie Kent from Ashland has been deployed to Louisiana for 3 weeks; this is the first partnership of this type (MRC and ARC).**

**We want to thank all the Health Departments that released their volunteers to aid in the effort to shelter millions people who were evacuated due to hurricane Gustav and Ike we were impressed by those 26 volunteers who were willing to be deployed.**

**It looks like it is going to be a very busy hurricane season this year.**

**Thank you all very much~**

**Regards – Liisa Jackson and Wendy Diotalevi  
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