

Incident:Convoy of Care (Relief to Baton Rouge, Louisiana)Date:August 19, 2016Location:Dunwoody (and surrounding areas), GA

From Channel 2 WSB-TV:

Channel 2 WSB-TV announced today that it is partnering with law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia to help the flood-ravaged community of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This effort will kick off a national campaign coordinated throughout the country for additional relief to those affected by these tragic natural disasters.

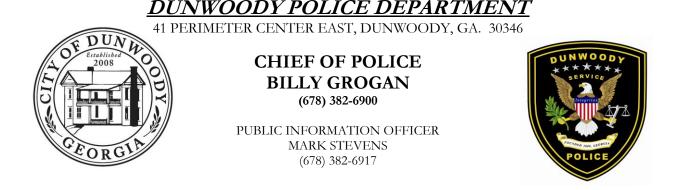
"Channel 2 WSB-TV is proud to join forces with the many Georgia law enforcement agencies and others who have rallied around the Baton Rouge community in this way," said Tim McVay, Vice President and General Manager of Channel 2. "Together, with the support of our communities in Georgia, we can make a difference and send aid to those in dire need in Baton Rouge."

"I think this is an historic event and I am excited to really show what Georgia Governor Nathan Deal talks about as being 'One Georgia," said Clarence Cox, National Vice President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (N.O.B.L.E.)

According to Louisiana news sources, more than 100,000 people were affected in the state, losing their homes to the flood or being displaced until flood waters recede. Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards said 40,000 homes were damaged to varying degrees and some 30,000 people were rescued from their homes.

What You Can Do

- Drop off toiletries, cleaning supplies, baby formula, diapers paper products, underwear, undershirts, socks, bath towel, washcloths, laundry detergent, bleach, lotion toothpaste, deodorant, soap, body wash feminine hygiene products, etc.
- Collections will be accepted Saturday & Sunday, August 20-21 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Atlanta Civic Center's parking lot at 395 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30308



How It Started

"It started with a conference call from one of our Baton Rouge members of N.O.B.L.E.," said Cox. "We were told that the situation in Baton Rouge felt worse than Hurricane Katrina. It was obvious to me that we needed to put a plan in action to serve some of the very communities we are sworn to protect.

"We also have several members who are affected by the devastating floods including Baton Rouge Constable Reggie Brown. Because of the partnerships and affiliation of Terry Norris of the Georgia Sheriffs Association and Frank Rotondo of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, I thought that now would be a great time to demonstrate to the members of our communities how law enforcement really intends to bridge the gap that people perceive exists between law enforcement and the community,"

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In addition to N.O.B.L.E., the Sheriff's Association and the Chief's Association (of which Dunwoody Police Chief Billy Grogan is the current President), other agencies including the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, and the nonprofit Caring for Others are participating in the **Convoy of Care**.

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