Hurricane Ike Response
Surge and Storm

- Team on the island began making high water rescues and bringing to high ground where PD or Fire transported to shelter
- Rescues consisted of wading, rescue boards, PWC
- Lifeguards provided only response to water over waist deep
Immediately After

• Second team arrived
• State and federal assets arrived and integrated
• Beach Patrol- 360 rescues
  – Many of these rescues differed from other rescues made in that most would have drowned
2 weeks following

• 1,700 welfare checks
  – GPD unable to handle these (curfew, traffic points)
  – Triaged
    • Medical aid
    • Delivered food and water
    • Transported to evacuation site
    • Left alone
2 Weeks Following

- Information sheets
- Transported to PODS
- Loudspeakers used for communication (no TV/radio)
- Peace Officers assisted GPD with curfew enforcement
- TIME OFF!!!
Galveston Marine Response

- Multi-Agency task force to coordinate response to both large scale disasters and specific water related emergencies
- GIBP, GFD, GPD Marine Div, JBFR, GEMS
- Appropriate and specific equipment, training, communication, coordination
Park Board Police Department

- Initiated to assist Beach Patrol with lifeguarding goals
- The 8 lifeguard/officers augment the Galveston Police Department’s efforts with municipal code enforcement along the beach front.
Park Board Police Department

- Galveston has recently seen an increase in tourism and a greater need to service the beach population and has historically neglected security along the beach front.
- To facilitate the “Clean, Green, Pristine” campaign, the Park Board gave direction for more tourist friendly enforcement with regards to litter, alcohol, and other beach related city codes.
Tourist Oriented Policing

• There are many models of policing; but in a tourist town where beach patrons come and go daily and are not familiar with local laws, Tourist Oriented Policing (T.O.P.) helps ensure tourists will return repeatedly while complying with the rules.
Thank You

Galveston Island Beach Patrol 2010