



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

CBP Hurricane/ All Hazards Preparedness and Response

CBP Watch/ Miami-Tampa Field Office

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The slide features a dark blue background on the left with the CBP seal and text. On the right, there are three overlapping images: a CBP vehicle, a ship named 'AL BREEZE', and a CBP building. Below these images are four small circular logos: the CBP seal, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Border Patrol, and the U.S. Marine Corps.

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Introduction/ CBP-At-A-Glance

CBP General Overview:

- In 1789, the fifth act of the first Congress establishes Customs
- 65,000+ employees across the US, US territories, and internationally based; including Preclearance employees, attaches, and other international programs.
- Became known as US Customs and Border Protection, March 1, 2003; per post 9/11, Homeland Security Act of 2002
- In support of disaster response, CBP also operates within the National Response Framework:
 - <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/frameworks/response>
- More info about CBP can be found here:
 - <https://www.cbp.gov/document/stats/cbp-snapshot>

CBP All Hazards Emergency Preparedness and Response:

- Inward facing to protect and sustain CBP personnel, operations, and facilities to continue all mission essential functions at all times.
- Outward facing to support federal, state, and local stakeholders and the American public.

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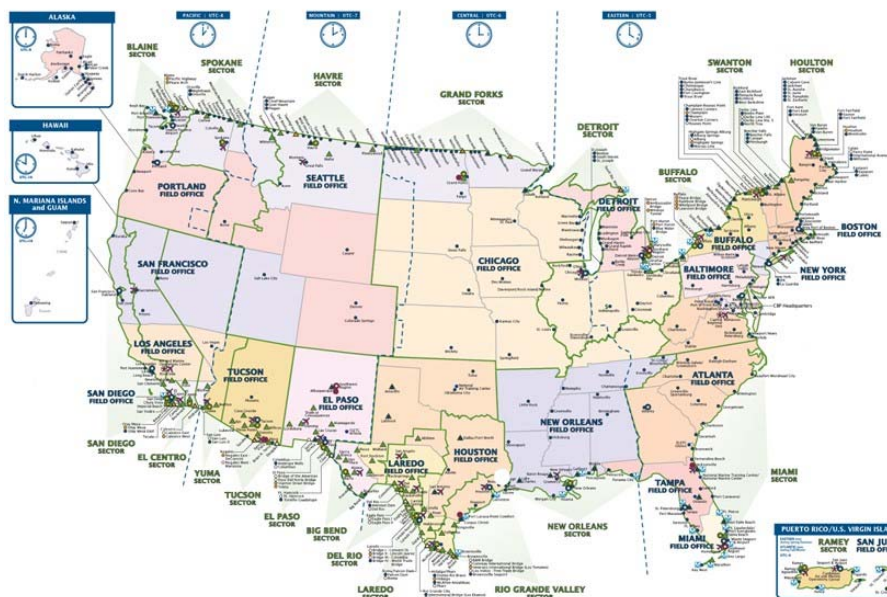
OVERVIEW

- Largest Federal Law Enforcement Agency – 2003
- Mission – *Protect the American people, safeguard our borders, and enhance the nation's economic prosperity.*
- National Response Framework-
Emergency Support Functions
 - ESF 9 – Search and Rescue
 - ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security



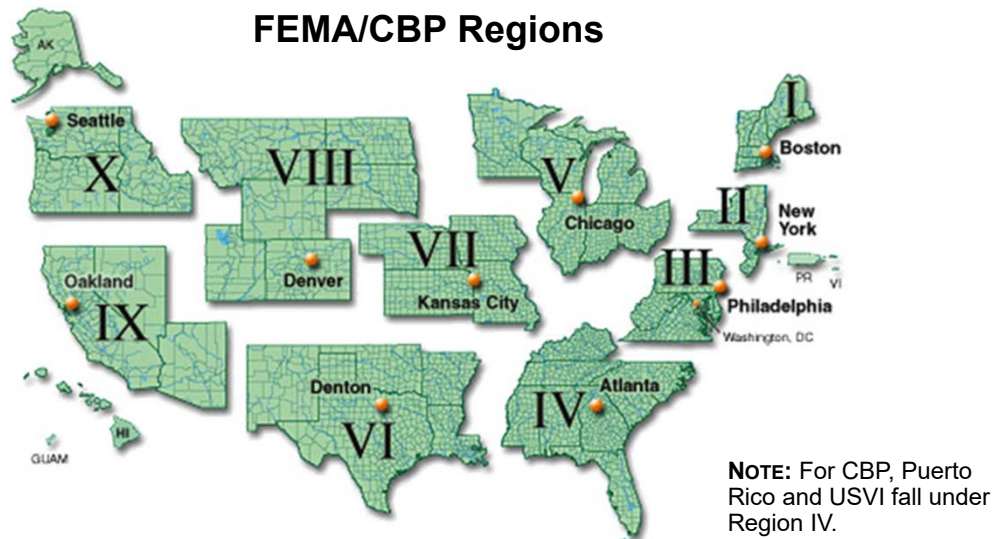
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CBP Areas of Responsibility



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Overview



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CBP Pre-Clearance



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Recent Hurricane / All Hazards Responses

2011- CBP's unmanned aircraft system is deployed to provide the National Weather Service and emergency responders with real time images during the Red River floods in Minnesota and North Dakota.

2017- Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria

2018- Hurricane Florence and Michael

2019- Hurricane Dorian

2020- Hurricane Laura; record breaking hurricane and wildfire seasons

2021- Hurricane Ida

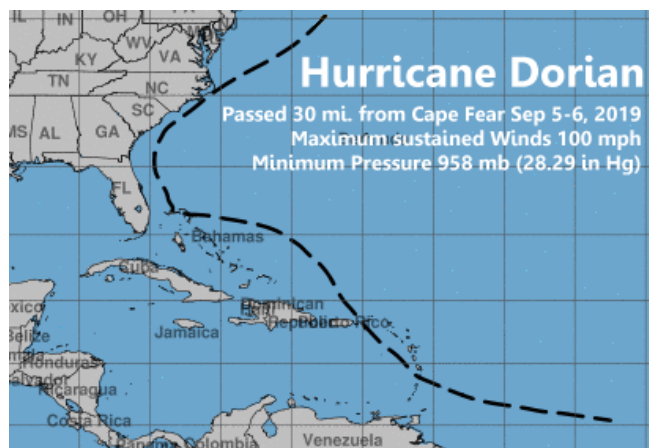
2022- Hurricane Ian

2023- Typhoon Mawar- Guam/ Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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Hurricane Dorian Overview (2019)

- Hurricane Dorian was the strongest and most destructive storm of the 2019 hurricane season. The northern Bahamas, the Abaco Islands, and Grand Bahama Island were devastated by Dorian's category five winds estimated to have reached over 180 mph with a storm surge greater than 18 feet.
- On September 1, Dorian reached Category 5 intensity, with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph, and a minimum central pressure of 910 mb (26.87 inHg) while making landfall in Elbow Cay, Bahamas. Dorian made another landfall on Grand Bahama several hours later.
- After leaving the Bahamas, Dorian turned northwestward and moved parallel to the Florida east coast on September 4.



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CBP Regional Response to Hurricane Dorian

CBP Region IV stood up The Region IV Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and Area Commands were established as the primary coordination points for response and recovery operations. Actions included but were not limited to:

- Accounted for 5,981 CBP personnel in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, USVI and Bahamas.
- Coordinated over 1,294 CBP evacuees/family members.
- Coordinated over 96 air/ground based missions ranging from rescues to business resumption.
- Initiated support cells to assist with administrative functions associated with evacuees arriving from The Bahamas.
- Expanded communication and coordination with stakeholders and federal, state and local emergency operations centers.
- Coordinated increased media exposure relative to CBP's response.

CBP Admits First Mass Evacuees from Bahamas

Release Date: September 7, 2019

Cruise Ship Arrives at Palm Beach, FL with nearly 1,500 Evacuees

** Editor's Note: Latest information and imagery of CBP's Hurricane Dorian response efforts can be downloaded at the following links:

- Still photos (Flickr): <https://flic.kr/s/ahomGaAeL>
- Video (DVIDS): <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/cbpdorian>
- Follow CBP's Hurricane Dorian response at <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/hurricane-dorian>

MIAMI – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers processed the first mass evacuations from the Bahamas in West Palm Beach, Fla., today after Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc on the islands.

Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line's Grand Celebration arrived at the Port of West Palm Beach with 1,435 passengers from the devastated Abaco and Grand Bahama Islands at 8:45 a.m. today. CBP officers quickly processed all passengers, which consisted of 539 U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, 857 Bahamians, and 29 other nationalities.



The Weather Channel

EXCLUSIVE: Dave @Malkoff traveled to Marsh Harbour in The Bahamas and spoke with some of the many people who were injured from #Dorian's devastation.

Please consider donating to help them: redcross.org/theweatherchan...



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CBP Priorities And Major Lines of Effort

Major Lines of Effort for CBP in response to an incident:

- **Assess Impacts to Personnel**
- Assess Impacts to Operations
- Assess Impacts to Facilities
- Outline how CBP is preparing, coordinating, and responding internally
- Outline what federal, state, local, private (and sometimes international) partners are doing and how CBP is supporting/ coordinating where appropriate.

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CBP Watch Incident Management Branch

- Lead coordinator for CBP for the management of all types of incidents and events
- Responsible for the activation/operation of the CBP HQ Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Coordinate with internal CBP partners and federal partner agencies such as FEMA, USSS, and USCG
- Provide ongoing operational and planning support to CBP Regional Lead Field Coordinators and National Incident Commanders



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PREPAREDNESS

- Ready facilities for resilience in storm conditions.
- Monitor storm path, identify, and advise facilities of potential impact from storm.
- Establish and deploy CBP regional response teams at ports, stations, incident command posts, and operation centers.



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CBP RESPONSE

- Deployment of emergency response teams to assist with disaster relief efforts at CBP facilities
- Assist with Jones Act questions from the shipping agency that may arise due to pre and post hurricane activities – 1920
- Provide medical support and resources for CBP personnel and responding agencies during hurricane relief
- Provide law enforcement support under ESF missions
- Conduct Search and Rescue (SAR) operations
- Provide air assets for SAR, transporting resources and personnel, damage assessment, etc.



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CBP RESPONSE (cont.)

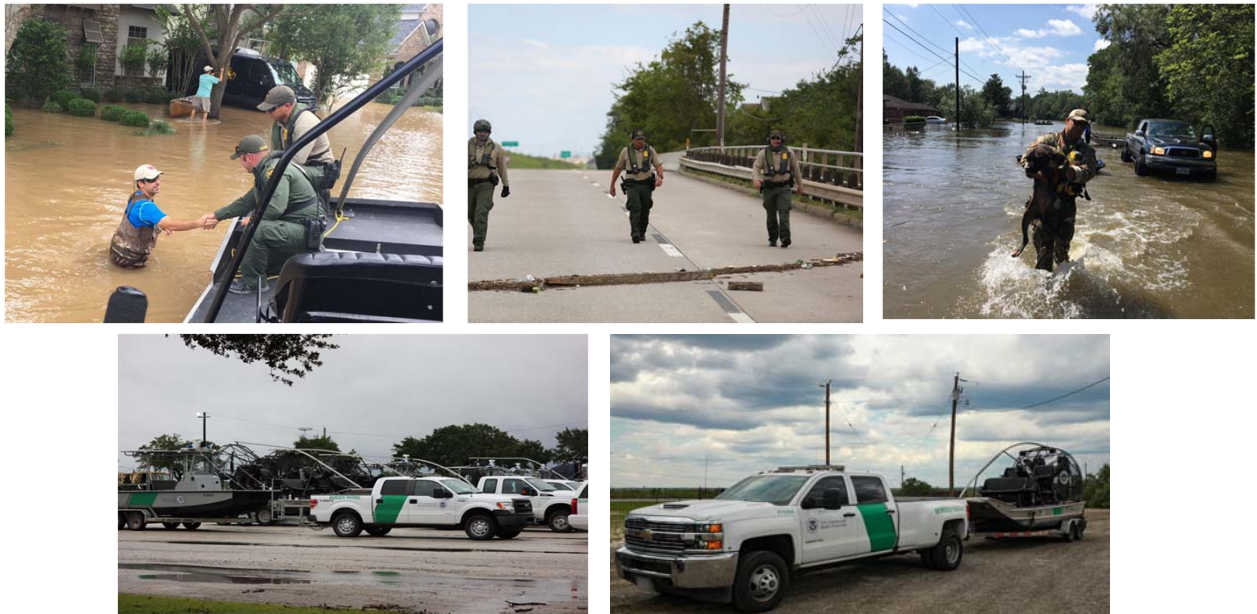
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RESPONSE: Office of Field Operations (OFO)

- Assist with the expediting of vessel entrances and clearances for movement during ordered departures from ports
- Assist commerce with preparations for ordered evacuations from ports
- Assist private sector, port authorities, and other government entities with commerce and trade issues that arise from hurricane activity



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RECOVERY

- CBP deployed resources are demobilized or replaced by temporary business resumption teams to ensure business continuity
- Provide services in aftermath of hurricane to keep ports open for business
- Support the inspection and expediting of commerce and necessary supplies into the U.S. after hurricane for recovery



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