

Caddo deputies head south to help victims of Hurricane Ida

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Ten Caddo Sheriff's deputies are heading south today to help communities most affected by Hurricane Ida, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

The deputies are part of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association Emergency Task Force. Although they don't know where they will be assigned just yet, it is likely they will be assisting with water rescues, patrol functions, and other emergency services.

The deputies are equipped with enough gear to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours; however, it's not known just how long they will need to stay. They are traveling with four boats, a generator, two travel trailers, and other supplies.

In addition to helping out their law enforcement counterparts in South Louisiana, Caddo deputies will be delivering an equipment trailer to the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force from Missouri. The USAR Task Force was enroute to South Louisiana overnight when their trailer broke down in Caddo Parish, and they couldn't find parts to have it fixed. Caddo Sheriff's Lt. Mike Gray saw the group at a local auto parts store and stopped to say hello. When he heard their story, he contacted CPSO Fleet Management Director Steve Viola who offered his mechanics to fix the trailer. The USAR team went ahead leaving their trailer behind. CPSO mechanics repaired it this morning and plan to deliver it to South Louisiana later today.