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Denver Team Delivers Supplies for FEMA

Hurricane Harvey left a wide path from Corpus Christi to north of Houston devastated by catastrophic winds, storm surge, and flooding. The flooding in the greater Houston area reached levels not seen in the recorded history of the U.S., and it brought to mind for many of us the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina 12 years ago, but on an even wider scale. Recovery will be a long, slow process, but thankfully FEMA and a number of charities are already working to get needed supplies to the people of Texas to meet immediate needs and to assist in the rebuilding that is to come.

We arranged for shipments on behalf of FEMA, who needed generators, fuel tanks, and water pumps transported into the region. It was more than just a challenge. The suppliers needed to find carriers willing to drive into a disaster zone and make deliveries even when the route to get there was uncertain. Drivers frequently encountered flooded roads and had to change to alternate routes at the spur of the moment. And our carriers came through.

With the help of Platinum Cargo Logistics' Denver office, 10 loads of generators, water pumps and fuel pumps were delivered to disaster-affected areas on August 29th. Additional loads were delivered on August 30th and September 1st. This will be an ongoing project that will involve many more shipments in the coming weeks and months. Platinum Cargo stands ready to assist in the Hurricane Harvey efforts.

Accompanying this article, which will form the basis of a special case study related to deliveries in disaster-affected regions, are photos made by some of the drivers that delivered these loads in such adverse conditions. From layout yards to flooded streets, they made these deliveries happen in spite of the odds, and what they delivered will help get Texas back on its feet.

A driver snapped this photo of a swollen river and flooded bridge.

In addition to generators, we arranged for the shipment of water and fuel pumps to affected areas.

A driver took this photo of a gas station as he drove past.

A convoy drives through the night to deliver supplies.

Light shines out from a flooded building.