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Air Situation



- **No Radar coverage from land**
- **Army, Navy, USAF, Marine, Coast Guard and civil helicopters in same airspace, 500' AGL and below**
- **U.S. Customs P-3, Call sign Omaha 44 was initial pseudo Airborne Command and Control**
- **Communications on UHF 345.00**
- **Great asset that brought order to chaos**
- **Later, USAF AWACs, call sign Wizard, and Navy assists and directs Helo's to HLZ's**
- **U.S. Navy E-2C, call sign Closeout, also assists**



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Air Traffic Control



- All CCT are certified FAA ATC
- All equipment carried on their back, UHF/VHF/SATCOM
- Initial flyover recon shows most roads under water
- Highway overpasses and rooftops are the only suitable locations for HLZs







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Search and Rescue



- **SAR-** Hazardous at best
 - contaminated water
(chemicals, sewage, etc)
 - human remains
 - animals running loose
 - portaging boats thru city streets
 - unsure of the criminal activity
 - some evacuees hesitant to leave



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- **Structural integrity issues**
- **Clearing HLZ buildings**
- **Breeching roofs for extrication**
- **Gas leaks in buildings**
- **Vehicular and foot search**



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