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### **ALPHA & OMEGA MOUNTED SECURITY PATROL RESUMES OPERATIONS TO HELP IN RECOVERY AFTER HURRICANE IKE**

THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP. Riders from the Alpha & Omega (A&O) Mounted Security Patrol resumed partial operations at The Woodlands Township on Monday, September 15. The company has brought in a mobile office with generator, communications equipment, and other necessities. The temporary office will enable some riders to resume patrol throughout The Woodlands Township while recovery efforts continue. Full patrols are expected to begin within 48 hours.

A&O mounted officers have been a familiar sight at The Woodlands Township for 14 years. Hurricane Ike interrupted their patrols for the first time ever. The riders have been able to resume their patrols with equipment normally used by the company's summer concert patrols. The cavalry has a concert patrol division that travels to large music festivals throughout the country with self-sustaining trailers, an office and communications equipment. That equipment was transported to The Woodlands Township and a mobile office is now in operation.

Mounted officers can be particularly effective in areas where mobility is limited by fallen trees and other debris. Their trained horses can traverse narrow passages and maneuver around broken branches and blocked streets. They serve as the eyes and ears for law enforcement entities that may be over-burdened by the recovery efforts.

In addition, the company's 40-foot concert RV has been deployed to the Humane Society of Montgomery County for use in rescuing animals affected by the storm. In addition to the animals already housed there, the Humane Society has received many animals made homeless during the emergency. The RV includes a powerful generator that will supply electricity for the Humane Society.

"We are moving as fast as possible to resume our full patrol at The Woodlands Township," said Frank Keller, president and CEO of Alpha & Omega. "Our Troopers

live throughout the greater Houston area and many of them have been personally affected by the devastation. Yet, they are anxious to get back to their posts and do their jobs, just like the other first responders and law enforcement personnel. We will be back to our full complement of riders just as quickly as it is deemed safe for them and for their horses.”

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