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MASTR III area builds base stations in record time for the State of Georgia's flooding disaster

The southern part of Georgia has been in a flooding situation for more than a week and has roughly 10,000 square miles under water. Besides houses, cars, and businesses, some of the state's MASTR II base stations are under at least 10 feet of water.

Ray Dee's of EGE's Atlanta sales office called Wednesday around lunch time to request that the EGE facility have 20 MASTR III conventional base stations ready to go if the state needs them. The original base stations will have to be tested once the water recedes and replaced if necessary.

Normally, building and assembling that many MASTR III stations takes at least a week, but the MASTR III area had the parts it needed to build the stations and within five hours the new units were ready for testing. Second shift tested 17 units Wednesday evening and the last three were tested this morning.

"A lot of extraordinary effort went into this," says Miriam Gaines, Supervisor Stations/Specials. "There was a lot of teamwork. Everyone just worked together." She also credits Adrian Shelton's team for pulling the stock.

To keep the communications lines open in the flood area, some mobile radios have been programmed for multiple frequencies and are acting as base stations, Ray explains. Several dealers have responded by supplying additional radios as needed to the State of Georgia as well as individual municipalities.

Ray reports that 34 PCS radios have been shipped from the Lynchburg plant to Albany, Ga. and 15 more will be shipped the city of Macon today. The State of Georgia, a 20 year customer, has 200 MASTR II stations, 4,000 mobiles, and 1,500 PCS radios. These numbers do not include the public safety users in individual counties.

Once again, EGE and it's employees provide customer service above and beyond the call of duty.



MASTR III employees stand proudly by their work. The area produced 20 base stations in five hours.