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ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT DELIVERS HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPLIES TO IOWA, LOUISIANA

ROCKPORT, TX – Under the direction of Commander Larry Sinclair, five officers and a spouse from the Rockport Police Department, delivered relief supplies to the Iowa (pronounced I-O-Way), Louisiana police department. Located outside of Lake Charles, Iowa received significant damage from Hurricane Laura, which impacted 85% of its buildings and residences, according to local sources.

Working with the Texas Department of Emergency Management and their colleagues in Louisiana, the Rockport Police Department identified several, smaller communities that might have been overlooked in the rush to deliver supplies to Lake Charles. Iowa was chosen because of a professional relationship Officer Stefani Garcia had with a member of its police department.

Tens of thousands of dollars' worth of materials, ranging from generators to power tools to cleaning supplies, were donated by local residents and businesses. This included \$12,000 worth of equipment from Salemi's Ace Hardware in Rockport and the underwriting of the truck rental by an anonymous resident. The caravan left early on the morning of August 8 and returned the same day.

"We are so appreciative of the Rockport community that stepped up to help others in need," Sinclair noted. "We knew what it was like in the early relief days and what was needed for the first responders to fulfill their responsibilities and help out the community."

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Note: Here is a link to photos taken during the loading of the truck. More photos on following pages. https://www.dropbox.com/sh/15mgj4hz924k92y/AADvxsub_K1nY4OI0124xc48a?dl=0
Link to videos - https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kpgegr86jru0fzz/AADe_ZhDeO-ey4arysE8FO-Oa?dl=0



