



Humanitarian Aid and Rescue Project

Operation Whippit

Location: Moore, Oklahoma

Impact Report

Operational Date: 5/2013

The 2013 Moore tornado was a devastating EF5 tornado that hit Moore, Oklahoma, on May 20, 2013. With peak winds of 210 mph (340 km/h), it killed 24 people and injured 212 others. This tornado was part of a larger outbreak from a slow-moving weather system that had produced several other tornadoes across the Great Plains over the previous two days.

Methods:

The three tornadoes that struck Moore posed an imminent threat to lives, properties, and the well-being of the affected communities. In response, HARP swiftly mobilized resources and expertise with three primary objectives:

1. **Evacuation:** HARP played a crucial role in coordinating and executing safe evacuations for Emergency Operations Management. Our team worked seamlessly with local authorities to swiftly relocate residents from harm's way, prioritizing their safety above all else. This collaboration also enabled the quick and efficient use of heavy equipment to uncover properties in search of those trapped or who had perished during the devastation.
2. **Search and Rescue:** HARP played a vital role in aiding citizens affected by the devastation. Using their expertise, they coordinated, mapped, and searched for those trapped in the rubble or underground shelters pinned by debris. During this time, HARP successfully located and rescued nine individuals who might have otherwise perished due to being unable to escape from the structures trapping them.
3. **Water Rescue:** HARP conducted two water rescues, saving three lives from a flash flood that occurred after the EF5 tornado displaced large volumes of water.

Results: HARP spent seven days in Moore, Oklahoma, conducting search and rescue operations on land and by boat. They successfully located and rescued 12 individuals who might have otherwise perished due to life-threatening conditions. The Moore Fire Department recognized HARP for their specialized search and rescue abilities and their life-saving efforts.

Moore, Oklahoma marked HARP's first operational mission, with a team of just two individuals.

Future Missions and How You Can Help

You can make a significant contribution to the Humanitarian Aid and Rescue Project (HARP) and support their future operations by making a generous donation today at www.HarpRescue.org. Your donation will play a crucial role in enabling HARP to continue its life-saving work in providing aid and assistance to those in need. Your support will directly impact the lives of individuals affected by conflict, natural disasters, and other challenging circumstances. Visit the website now to make a meaningful difference and join HARP in its mission to bring hope, relief, and a brighter future to those who need it most

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