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center during interstate pulse operations, which monitor federal and state managed marine resources involved in interstate and international commerce. The MCU will be useful for the Enforcement Division in promoting education, enhancing recruitment of personnel, and providing public safety services. In addition to the aforementioned applications, the MCU will be utilized for coordinating LDWF emergency response activities during any manmade or natural disasters consistent with the LDWF mission as primary search and rescue response agency for the state of Louisiana. The MCU will assist other law enforcement agencies and states during a disaster when requested for emergency assistance under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) for search and rescue events, much like other states came to assist the people of Louisiana.

The equipment that was used to support these rescue and recovery efforts, although extremely beneficial, was inadequate to properly support and coordinate incidents of this magnitude. With the acquisition



New Mobile Command Unit at Lamar Dixon for the Ascension Bicentennial

of the MCU, the ability of the LDWF to accomplish its missions and goals will be greatly enhanced. The LDWF Enforcement Division would like to give a special thanks to NOAA/OLE for providing the funding necessary to purchase this most valuable asset.

