

Tornado

Recovery Exercise

Summary

A series of severe and damaging storms have transited the area within the past few days. The storms spawned several tornadoes ranging in strength from EF-2 to EF-5 in Liberty County.

Storms began in western Liberty County, cutting through areas of Central City, Hutchfield, and Fair Play and unincorporated areas of the county.

Damage Estimates

Initial damage assessment indicates 1050 homes damaged to some degree (225 damaged beyond repair). Several schools were damaged, two (Central City HS and Hutchfield Catholic) with major damage and one (Fair Play HS) beyond repair.

Many businesses have been damaged. It is estimated that 125 businesses have sustained some form of damage, including (in Central City) one of the two Lowe's stores, Target and three Wal-Mart Super Centers.

Mercy Hospital was severely damaged and is operating at a diminished capacity. A Disaster Medical Support Facility has been established to assist with local medical surge issues. This facility has a current census of 75.

Power is out in 1/3 of the city of Central City and sporadically across 25% of the county and other municipalities. Power is out in the Fair Play area which includes the bulk fuel station. Utility companies estimate total power restoration will not occur for three-four weeks.

Shelters

There are currently five shelters opened in the county with a census of 675 people.



Recovery Tabletop Exercise Questions Based on EOC Exercise

MARC

- Based on the damaged area how would you go about finding a location for the MARC?
- How long will this process (MARC location determination, partner notification, setup, etc.) take?

PIO

- What type of information will PIOs be sending out for the MARC?
- How will those affected by the storm get their information?
- What additional information should the PIOs begin preparing to send out?

Debris Management

- Will the City and/or County pickup private property debris?
- How will you relay information to the affected residents on how to sort their debris for disposal?

Long term Mental Health

- How will support to those affected be instituted?
- Where would you setup to treat those affected?
- What follow-up actions will be needed?

Community Health

- Is there a need for POD's? Where would they be located?
- Is there a need for roving POD's?
- How would you manage a community vaccination program in this environment?

Resource Management

Volunteer Mgt.:

- Is there a need for a staging area for volunteers to be setup, if so where? When and how is the VCC activated?

Donations Mgt.:

- How would you receive donated goods? Is there a need for a warehouse location; if so where?
- Where would you go to find possible equipment need to support donations Mgt. (fork lifts, trucks, etc.)

Community Planning

- Most streets in the damaged area have no street signs available. What is a quick, easy, and inexpensive way to provide street markers?
- Residents and businesses want to quickly rebuild, what is the process for permits?
- What is the likely time frame for infrastructure restoration?
- How would the community likely interface with the FEMA ESF 14 Long Term Planning personnel?

Economic Planning

- How can local businesses support the recovery (specifically citizen's needs)?
- How do businesses access their facilities to begin the recovery process?
- How can local government and business work together to spur the local economy post disaster?