

Capstone Activity: Group 2

Turtle River Area Command Problem Statement

1. You have 10 public works dozers staged in case they are needed at the Fisherville Incident Complex. It does not look like there is an extensive amount of debris in the roadways in Fisherville. You received a call from the Incident Commander (IC) of the Central City Incident Complex (a personal friend) wanting to know if he can have the dozers to clear debris in the East Branch.
2. Despite your request for written IAPs and standardized situation reports, with the exception of the Deep River Incident, you have received nothing. Your ICs all indicate they are hampered by lack of planning support, but Liberty County has not moved your incidents up in the priority list for resources.
3. Weather conditions often limit flight time to several hours just after sunrise and just before sunset. Much of the area is accessible only by air. Requests for helicopter support outstrip available aircraft and flight time.
4. The Liberty County Department of Unemployment has approached you about hiring a number of unskilled workers from their unemployment rolls. While the Fisherville Complex and Deep River Incident could use the additional assistance in clearing debris (building materials and trees), the ICs are concerned about hiring untrained people for the operation.
5. You have learned that the Fisherville Incident Complex has given the Deep River Incident 20 Liberty County Sheriff's Deputies to help with door-to-door searches.
6. You get a call from the Liberty County EOC with an ETA for a strike team of dump trucks for Fisherville. Neither you nor the county has a record of such a request, and Fisherville is not your highest priority for dump trucks. You discover that the IC from the Fisherville Incident Complex has been talking directly to a personal friend on the public works desk in the Columbia State EOC.
7. The State Department of Health is concerned about mosquitoes breeding in Pelican, Lowell, and Jordan Marshes. The State suffered a major outbreak of West Nile virus last year, and is concerned about a recurrence. Department scientists would like to field test a new mosquito abatement treatment. Their laboratory tests indicate the treatment is nontoxic to other plants and animals, but it has never been tested outside a lab. There is a 36-hour window of opportunity when mosquitoes are susceptible to the treatment. The Department needs 8 hours lead time to deploy—they need a decision by 0800 tomorrow.