

Capstone Activity: Group 3

Liberty County EOC Problem Statement

1. Because there are no services in Bayport, the county has ordered a mandatory evacuation. Liberty County Sheriff's Deputies evacuating people who rode out the storm in Bayport report two families are refusing to leave. There are five children under the age of 10 involved. Deputies want to know if they can remove them by force.
2. The superintendent of public schools for Liberty School District wants to know when the shelters will be closed in three high schools and a junior high in Central City. The shelters currently have approximately 2,000 evacuees among them. He emphasizes the importance of returning the children to normal schedules as soon as possible, and says if students lose more than 10 days in any one school year, they may have to repeat the year. Today is the third day of school closure.
3. The County Unemployment Office calls with a list of 40 unemployed workers who are currently in the shelters. They want the County EOC to assign them to help clear debris from roadways. These are unskilled laborers, and the County Risk Manager is warning of potential liability if the county uses them. The Unemployment Office will provide hardhats and gloves, but no other PPE. Both the Central City Incident Complex and Turtle River Area Command have outstanding requests for debris removal assistance.
4. The State has assigned one National Guard helicopter to the county. The Central City Incident Complex and the Turtle River Area Command have both asked for the helicopter. Because of weather, it has been averaging 6 hours of usable flight time per day.