

## Scenario

We have been sent to Nashville, IN to provide a mental health response following devastating flooding in most of Brown County. We arrive at 11am. The team leader, meets with Incident Command and we are assigned an area to pitch our tents. After accomplishing that, we eat a delicious MRE lunch and the team leader briefs us on the facts of the situation, as she currently knows them and gives out assignments.

Realities: The flooding has been going on for 5 days although the water is receding. There are 400 people of all age ranges currently staying at the Red Cross Shelter; Approximately 200 people have left the shelter and gone back to their homes as the water is receding – Incident Command is very concerned about how they are coping because of the increasing contacts that the Red Cross is getting with concerns about parents, neighbors, etc.

There are 3 assignments to accomplish this p.m.

- Check on an elderly couple who returned to their home about 3 miles from Nashville. Daughter from Chicago had called DMHA in Indy several times and the concern had been relayed to Incident Command to the Region 6 team.
- Several people from a group home for persons with MI have been at the Shelter for 3 days and appear to be deteriorating. Red Cross requests as assessment on Susie individually and just a general check-in for the others.
- Local minister, Rev. Smith, has requested a person to meet with him to give some ideas of how to help his congregation survive the stress of the past week.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

You receive a call from the team leader advising you that Region 6 may be activated by the State to respond to a flood in Ft Wayne. Things to do... Questions you need answered...

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You are deployed to Fort Wayne

- you have questions after you arrive, how to get answers

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- people from other areas (national guard for example) come to you for direction, how do you handle it

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- you have identified issues that you feel the higher ups should know about, what do you do

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- you're tired physically and emotionally, what do you do

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ALERT !!!!

It is 9:00am May 9, 2008. The manager/supervisors are meeting to review the quality improvements monitors of the center. Paul, Ron and Rita are in Indianapolis. Kathy A assumed the role of AOC as of 8am today.

10 minutes ago a severe weather front passing through Central Indiana resulted in a series of tornadoes. A number of communities were hit. Marion was in the center of the storms.

Milestone was not damaged - there is debris in the parking lot. Although the lights flickered, at this point there is electricity and phone service to 505 and CSP. Nothing else is known at present.

Current reality: CSP has a med clinic with 25 people scheduled, about 80 people are waiting for checks and injections. There is about 30 people participating in the community meeting in Club. Team meetings are just concluding.

Movement of emergency vehicles has been hampered by trees and debris on highways. Marion General Hospital has been swamped with the delivery of injured children from Allen School.

A shelter has been opened in the Marion Armory and another is opening in Gas City at the community center, Hontz Hall. Swayzee Christian Church is opening for persons in that area. Rescue operations have begun in all three communities. The number of deaths and injuries have not been confirmed.

Mental health assistance is needed in the shelters, the Incident Command Center in each community and at the hospital. Your team has been placed on alert.

Consider being away from home and work for one week. What do you need to do to cover your absence? What will you need to take with you? What are our thoughts, fears, questions?

48 hours after the storm: 5,000 homes are still without electricity, the temperature outside is 95 degrees. LifeStream Services (services for elderly and disabled) is asking for help in assessing and dealing with relocating many of their elderly and medically compromised clients.