

FLOODING IN EAST AND NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS, 2024

With the recent deluge of rain all around the state now would be a good time for members to evaluate the effectiveness of their Emergency Response Plans (ERP). With hurricane season now underway, any re-evaluation should consider recognition of impending bad weather and how activation of an emergency response is initiated. Some members may have an emergency response plan but if it is not in writing it is probably not as comprehensive and effective as it should be. A written emergency plan can be easily revised and maintained for the benefit of any new staff members. A verbal plan fades away as turnover occurs and there is no system to orient new staff to roles and procedures for emergency response.

The Fund has had a few claims come through due to flooding and others will begin to show up as the extent of damage is determined and flood waters recede.

At the very least, immediate response to forecast flood conditions should include a plan with sandbags at entry ways and moving equipment from the floor and onto desktops or higher floors to save some contents from damage. Move vehicles and equipment to higher ground if possible.

Much like accident investigation for employee injuries, the same approach should be used for any sustained flood damage (or near misses) over the past month. Analyze what happened to determine what went wrong, what went right and how the emergency response plan should be revised. Looking at maps of east Texas, it looks like every river and creek is currently flooded. This only means that any rain within the next few weeks will only add to the problem.

The TCRMF has Emergency Response Plan templates available in the Resources pages of the tcrmf.org website. Your Loss Control Consultants can help you find these resources and help you implement or evaluate the plan.

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