Objective: Demonstrate the ability to utilize the full range of ICS command, control, and coordination options to organize a disaster.

Instructions:

1. You will be assigned to one of the following four groups:
   - Group #1: Central City Complex
   - Group #2: Turtle River Area Command
   - Group #3: Liberty County EOC
   - Group #4: Columbia State EOC (MAC Group)

2. Review the scenario on the following page.

3. Review your group’s problem statement.

4. Develop strategies for dealing with each problem statement.

5. Use the ICS Form 213, General Message, to communicate among organizational elements.

6. Select a spokesperson and be prepared to present your strategies in 1 hour.

Important Note: Some of your strategies will depend on the input or actions of other groups. You should plan to contact the other groups in the appropriate fashion to negotiate a strategy.
Central City Complex
Problem Statement

1. Your IMT will develop written IAPs for each shift (as per the Liberty County EOP), but you have inadequate planning resources. You have placed an order that included Resource, Situation, and Documentation Unit Leaders, but so far your complex has not ranked high enough to have your requests filled.

2. Your IMT needs additional assistance in debris removal. The Liberty County Office of Unemployment has offered a pool of unskilled labor. The Team is concerned about hiring untrained people for the operation.

3. Many residents have been displaced by the storm. The shelters in Central City are at capacity, but more evacuees need assistance. The City would like to open additional shelters. According to the County SOP, the City must request additional shelters through the County EOC.

4. The West Branch Director is developing the response to the City Walk, a popular restaurant and nightspot that extends 5 blocks along the west bank of the Roaring River in the business district. The complex has sustained heavy structural damage from both wind and water. The Director is uncertain about whether or not the buildings are safe to enter. No one on his staff has the expertise to make this determination. He has held off searching these buildings until he can make a determination as to whether his personnel can enter safely.

5. The Central City Police Department has been assigned to evacuate residential areas but lacks sufficient resources.

6. Communications and access have been cut off to the 10-block area adjacent to the river north of the River Walk. You have requested a helicopter to survey the area for anyone needing rescue. You must compete for helicopter time with all other incidents in the county.

7. Your IMT placed the order for two technical rescue teams 4 hours ago. The West Branch needs these for search and rescue ASAP.
Scenario:

On October 17, the State of Columbia was struck by Hurricane Gordon, a category 2 hurricane. Seven counties were hard hit (Stramford, Granite, Redstone, Liberty, Green, Mineral, and Kane Counties), with the most damage occurring in Liberty County.

Hurricane Gordon came ashore between the islands of Masland and Gish, and the eye tracked over Bayport, Fisherville, Deep River, and Central City. The hurricane track then took a slight turn to the east roughly following Highway 19 to Brooksville before losing strength and being downgraded to a tropical storm. Forty-eight (48) hours have passed, and basic services are beginning to be restored in Liberty County. Some of the areas in the county now have basic water and power, and attention is turning to long-term damage assessment, debris removal, and other efforts to restore the local economy.

Liberty County: Liberty County suffered a direct hit from Gordon, as the hurricane passed between Masland and Gish Islands. The communities of Bayport, Fisherville, and Deep River suffered severe wind damage and flooding. Coastal and upstream flooding was caused by the 8- to 12-foot storm surge and torrential rains. Central City received severe wind damage and river flooding due to 14 inches of rain within a 36-hour period.

Many roads within Liberty County have been washed out or are currently impassable due to downed trees and power lines. The Kingston Airport experienced severe damage to its main terminal and support facilities. The Columbia Bay Bridge between Bayport and Fisherville has been closed. Rail transportation within Liberty County has been suspended until inspections can be completed. The Central City Hospital is operating on its backup generator.

State of Columbia: The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated to address county EOC needs between Stramford, Granite, Redstone, Liberty, Green, Mineral, and Kane Counties.
Topic: Student Handout – Activity: Group #1

Your Notes: