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.
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 participants 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 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 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.
**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.
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