

MEDICAL CENTER CASE STUDY



Job Location:
Biloxi, MS



Total Loss:
6.8 Million



Services Performed:
Mitigation, remediation, and construction



Date:
8/31/2005

SYNOPSIS



On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall off the Gulf Coast. It hit land as a Category 3 storm with winds reaching speeds up to 120 miles per hour, heavy rains and a 27-foot storm surge. Hurricane Katrina is still considered the costliest storm on record, reaching an estimated \$108 billion in property damages. The town of Biloxi, MS was no stranger to those damages.

A prominent Medical Center in Biloxi, MS contacted SRM nearly a week before the Hurricane was projected to make landfall to keep its 170,000 square foot facilities operational through the storm. When the storm had passed, the Medical Center was the only standing hospital facility within 100 miles, but it still sustained substantial damage. The roof had been blown off, windows were broken, and water damaged parts of the hospital including medical equipment and medical records. In addition to the physical damage to the building, they were without power, clean drinking water or protection from the elements.

The SRM crew was set to begin work immediately. The average crew size that worked throughout the hospital was 150 mitigation and reconstruction specialists. The windows were boarded up and the roof was repaired as soon as the hurricane passed to prevent any additional water damage. The parts of the hospital that received water damage were promptly mitigated, the water damaged medical record were dried by our pop-up document drying center and any salvageable water damaged medical equipment was saved.

Not only was there physical damage to the hospital, but there was also no power or clean water after the Hurricane. SRM provided temporary power to the Medical Center with our industrial generators and had access to equipment that converted salt water to drinking water. SRM stayed on-site for over 2 months communicating with key personnel to ensure the Medical Center had everything they needed to maintain operation. With the large scope of what services SRM provides, it became the one call that mattered most in a time of crisis.



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