

Operational Briefing

Time: 2:00 hrs.

INTRODUCTION:

This exercise is based on a continuation of the Hurricane Kim scenario. You have been assigned the Ambulance Strike Team Leader and have been deployed to the county to support and respond to pre-hospital emergencies. You are receiving an operational briefing from your DIVS for the 3rd operation period briefing.

Exercise Scenario

On September 02, Hurricane Kim, category three made land fall in Little River, SC moving NW through Brunswick County into Columbus County with sustained winds of 70 miles per hour and rainfall totals of 3 inches per hour. Currently, Columbus County has received 15 inches of rain. Columbus County has declared a State of Emergency. Reports from the county indicate there are no utility services and numerous roads with flooding and trees down. Columbus County Fire/Rescue and Emergency Medical Services have been inundated due to the storm. Numerous homes are damaged and destroyed; the 911 center is overwhelmed due to calls requesting emergency assistance. Columbus County law enforcement and the NC Highway Patrol reports flooding and trees across the major highways US 74, 211 and 130. Columbus is a rural county with seven incorporated towns and nine townships. **You have been requested to respond to the Whiteville Fire Department (12 E Columbus St, Whiteville, NC) for deployment as an Ambulance Strike Team to assist Columbus County.**

Columbus County Demographics:

- Population—56,953
- 937 square miles of land
- 17 square miles of water
- Whiteville NC County Seat
- 9 volunteer Rescue/EMS stations (non-paid)
- 1 Hospital
- 4 established emergency shelters
- Several large rivers/swamps/tributaries
- Utility above ground
- US 74 Hurricane evacuation route west
- One 911 center

Assignment—Hurricane Kim/Columbus County—9/3/2015

Questions:

1. Based on the information in the IAP and the briefing from DIVS, list questions you need to ask the DIVS prior to deploying your Ambulance Strike Team.
2. Using your IAP and the information from the Division Supervisor briefing, what do you include in your briefing to the Ambulance Strike Team?
3. What type of safety equipment would be utilized in this deployment?
4. What risk management steps would be applied in this type of deployment?
5. What type of resources would best support your Ambulance Strike Team to meet your Division objectives?
6. How would you request an air ambulance resource during your tactical assignment?
7. In your group, develop an Operational Briefing based on the information in the IAP and provided by your supervisor. Select a spokesperson and provide your briefing to the class.

