

December 1st 2011 Wind Storm

- Began approximately 2:00 am.
- Semi-trailer blown over at 4:30.
- Wind gust up to 105 mph.
- Sustained wind 50-60 mph.
- “Calms” by late afternoon.
- Estimated \$15-20 million in damages to private property.
- Nearly 100% of properties damaged in some way.
- Power lines down.
- Three related small fire.
- Entire City without power.
- No one seriously injured or killed.



City Response – Part I

December 1st

- EOC opened by 7:00 am.
 - Coordination of response
 - Assessment of damages
 - Information to press & public
- Tools used
 - WEBEOC
 - City Watch
 - ARES/ Ham radios
 - Social Media - Twitter



December 1st

- School closings.
- Began to treat as Federal Disaster.
 - By 9:00 disaster declared by Mayor.
 - Tracking of hours, costs and volunteers.
- By mid afternoon, recovery process.
 - Sheltering needs, Red Cross.
 - Clean up.
 - Parks and church parking lots used waste.

December 2nd & 3rd

- Power restored to most of City.
- Cleanup of private damage.
- City Assessment, roofing, signs & trees, missing garbage cans.



City Response Part II

December 4th

- NWS forecasts another major wind event.
- Governor and Mayors conference call approximately 8:30 am. Concern over flying debris causing additional damage.
- Call to neighborhood networks for volunteer cleanup.
- EOC re-established by 9:00 am.
- Coordination of clean up drop off points.
- Information to the public.
 - Social media.
 - Neighborhood networks.



City Response Part II

December 4th

- Most church meetings cancelled.
- National guard.
- Other entities.
- Private Sources.
- Outside volunteers.
- 30,000 volunteer hours.
- Clean up continued through December 10th.



Lessons

- Preparation.
 - Exercises.
 - Assignments.
- Record keeping.
 - Governor's response to prevent further damage.
 - FEMA reimbursed approximately \$150,000.
- Resources.
 - Little things: Food, knowledgeable resources.
- Best networking in the world.

