



PROPERTY RESTORATION

Case Study: Florida Keys Community College Key West, Florida

Loss Event: Hurricane Irma

Damage: Storm and Structural Damage

THE PROBLEM

When Hurricane Irma brought widespread destruction across Florida, the Florida Keys Community College (FKCC) in Key West suffered significant damage. As the southernmost institution in the Florida College System, FKCC plays a vital role in the higher education, workforce, and continuing education needs of Key West and Monroe County.

Hurricane Irma damaged 90 percent of the buildings on campus. Because of the extensive damage, from water to structural damage, the college was forced to temporarily close the school.

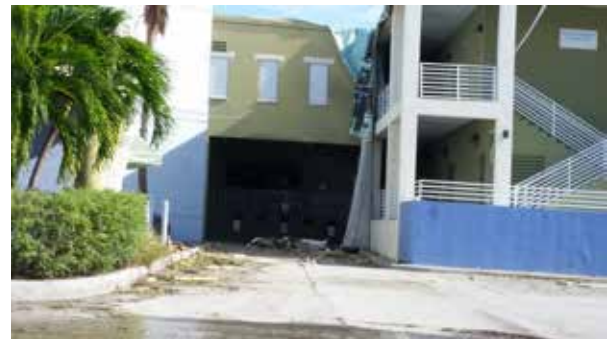
THE SOLUTION

BELFOR restoration teams responded in less than a week, despite the difficulty of widespread damage across the region and the remote location of the college. More than 300 restoration specialists began to provide emergency services:

- Drying and dehumidification;
- Debris removal and selective demolition;
- Temporary roofing
- Contents cleaning;
- Electronic cleaning and restoration;
- HVAC and ductwork cleaning and decontamination;
- Environmental services;
- Site security;
- Cantena services;
- Turnkey reconstruction.

“The College was so impressed with the emergency repairs and process, BELFOR was retained to complete the restoration of the campus,” said W. Jean Mauk, vice president of finance and administrative services.

Staff and faculty were allowed back into the buildings in late September. The College was able to reopen and resume classes in October, just three weeks after the disaster.



“The Florida keys are remote with limited supplies and contractors. The ability to hire BELFOR to complete this work was vitally important in allowing the College to recover quickly. In the event of another hurricane, the College will contact them for their assistance again.”

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