



PROPERTY RESTORATION

Pensacola State College Pensacola, Florida

Loss Event: **Flooding and Water Damage**



Torrential rains in April triggered historic flooding in Pensacola. According to the National Weather Service, more than 26 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. For Pensacola State College, the damage was significant.

Six out of eight buildings on the Warrington campus including the library, student center and campus police department were damaged as floodwaters rose anywhere from six inches to four feet. Five buildings on the main campus, four on the Milton campus, and one on the downtown campus were partially flooded.

BELFOR immediately dispatched an emergency response team to the college, and quickly mobilized the manpower and equipment necessary to begin recovery work.

- More than 750 workers performed water extraction, dehumidification, sanitization, demolition and turnkey reconstruction services.
- Water extraction efforts included specialized techniques for drying the gym floor.
- Resources and experts from BELFOR Environmental and BELFOR Technical Services assisted the Property Restoration team with the recovery effort.
- BELFOR brought in its Mobile Command Center, refrigeration trailers and six emergency generators with power distribution.
- Contents within the library as well as other campus buildings had to be inventoried, cataloged as salvage vs. non-salvage, stored and returned to the exact location on campus following repairs. Approximately 130 PODS - mobile storage units - were arranged in parking lots to temporarily store the contents. Humidity and climate control measures were added to each POD.



“PSC had an active student class schedule during this project and therefore it was imperative that BELFOR maintained a safe and clean work environment,” said Gean Ann Emond, Vice President for Business Affairs. “BELFOR always kept safety and cleanliness top of mind.”

No classes at Pensacola State College were canceled, despite the flooding and massive restoration effort.

CHALLENGES

- Four active student campuses were affected. The campuses were spread across Escambia County.
- Area-wide flooding and FEMA disaster area.
- Tenant spaces were involved.

“BELFOR mobilized their equipment and manpower quickly, efficiently and with great precision. They mitigated the damage to all our effected buildings in a very professional manner with great attention to detail.”

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