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The End of Civil Defense

Lessons Learned from the Ice Storm
of 2009



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- 103/120 Counties Declared
- 700,000 customers without power
- 200,000 citizens without water
- 1.3m Meals Distributed
- 2.1m Gallons of Water Distributed
- 202 Shelters Opened
- 4600 + National Guard Deployed
- 36 citizens died





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- Once we realized what was going on we:
 1. Activated the Earthquake Plan
 2. Flooded the area with personnel to find out what was going on
 3. Went house to house
 4. Gathered up those sheltering and put them in shelters
 5. Pushed supplies through a State Logistics Area to Multi-County distribution points and on from there to county points of distribution
 6. Engaged business, government and people at all levels



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What did we learn?

1. The Disaster will:

- ✓ Destroy your infrastructure
- ✓ Fill your roads with debris
- ✓ Shut down all communications
- ✓ Close your schools, churches, businesses and;
- ✓ Bring all government services to a standstill.

2. You will have to:

- ✓ Organize and Manage the Restoration of basic Infrastructure
- ✓ Organize and Manage the opening of Roads
- ✓ Organize and Manage the Restoration of Emergency and Day to Day Communications
- ✓ Organize and Manage the Opening of Schools, Churches, Business and:
- ✓ Organize and Manage the Restoration of Government Services



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West Liberty

1-3 March 2012



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PHOTOS: West Liberty tornado damage – Kentucky Kernel

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- Tornado was on the ground for 86 miles with a peak wind speed of 165 mph and a peak width of 1 mile.
- The tornado was the first F3/EF3 in Eastern Kentucky since 1988.
- **10 deaths** – Extensive damage across its path, including extreme damage to buildings in downtown West Liberty.
- Numerous businesses and homes were destroyed, some of which were leveled.
- A school had its roof torn off and a church was destroyed as well.
- Hundreds of trees were snapped and uprooted along the path.
- There were six fatalities in West Liberty, two near Frenchburg, and two in Blaine; at least 75 people injured.



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- This time – we used the NWS warning to get ready
 - Held KET severe weather call in show on 1 March
 - Called CJE’S/EM’s and warned of dangers
 - SEOC fully activated on the 29th of Feb for first set of tornadoes – maintained vigilance through the 1st and 2nd
 - Deployed weather spotters ahead of the storms
 - All ESF Partners were in the SEOC on standby
 - Engaged local teams – BERT – and established a Regional Response managed out of KYNG Armory with IMT
 - Used the JIC concept to build partnerships with informed citizens



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