# 2022 Catastrophe Preparedness: Consumer Response

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### **Catastrophe Preparedness: Consumer Response**

Two primary customer-facing service channels during a catastrophe:

#### **Catastrophe Response Centers (CRC)**

The CRC is a fully functioning remote office, equipped with necessary supplies and technology, including mobile generators and satellites for cell phone and internet connectivity.

#### First Notice of Loss (FNOL) Call Centers

The FNOL Call Centers support inbound and outbound call handling for policyholders filing claims and also for claim-related inquiries.







### Catastrophe Response Center (CRC)

The CRCs are comprised of employee volunteers that support policyholders at deployment sites:

- Verifying coverage
- Filing an FNOL
- Issuing Additional Living Expenses (ALE) advance disbursements, when needed

Each deployment site consists of a Field Service Vehicle (FSV) that provides the technology and supplies needed for each CRC, along with an available mobile pop-up, if a smaller set-up is needed.

Annual Testing conducted on April 11<sup>th</sup> introduced two new enhancements:

- Online queueing system
- Virtual adjusters





# First Notice of Loss (FNOL) Call Centers

FNOL Call Center support consists of external contracted call center providers (multiple vendors and geographical locations):

- 6 vendors awarded in December 2020
  - An additional 10 vendors were awarded supplemental CAT support (February 2022)
- Fully functional within 72 hours of a catastrophe declaration to service policyholders
- Provide phone support 24x7x365 through a combination of onsite call centers and remote working models





# First Notice of Loss (FNOL) Call Centers

Citizens provides onsite support to monitor and partner with activated vendor(s) for massive ramp-up efforts related to catastrophe response.

Annual Testing conducted to validate vendor preparedness ahead of storm season which includes:

- Overall responsiveness throughout event
- Evaluate staffing levels as they relate to call capacity needs
- Observe/confirm the effectiveness of onboarding and training
- Identify and document any opportunities/challenges

Outbound calling campaigns are activated, as needed.





#### **Historical Response**

#### Most Recent Response: Hurricane Michael (2018)

CRC Activity (Friday, 10/12 – Tuesday, 10/23):

- 4 Locations
- 266 Policyholders were assisted
- 102 FNOLs were filed onsite
- 625 non-policyholders visited
- 118 Additional Living Expense checks disbursed to policyholders totaling \$344,460

#### FNOL Call Center (Tuesday, 10/9 – Wednesday, 10/31):

- 12,697 calls received
- 147 Customer Service Representatives trained
- Activated 2 separate outbound calling campaigns totaling 31,312 calls made





#### **2022 Catastrophe Preparedness Highlights**





### 2022 Catastrophe Preparedness: Citizens is Ready!



