

# CASE STUDY



**Rapid Response Team's Critical Role in Fort Myers Beach Disaster Recovery after Hurricane Ian**



# DISASTER STRIKES QUICKLY, SO DO WE.

In times of catastrophe, swift infrastructure restoration is essential to a community's recovery. After Hurricane Ian left behind widespread damage and devastation to Fort Myers Beach, the Rapid Response Team (RRT) became a key partner in their recovery journey after the storm. Their strategic actions not only restored the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department but also transformed the local library into a central hub for municipal operations, demonstrating their ability to minimize disruptions and facilitate efficient recovery for communities in need when disaster strikes.



## COMMUNITY RESTORATION AND REMEDIATION DONE RIGHT, RIGHT AWAY.

Hurricane Ian caused extensive damage to Fort Myers Beach, leaving essential buildings unusable, particularly the fire stations. The fire department urgently needed functional facilities and power to conduct life-saving operations in their community.

With response centers kept ready and equipped with post-storm emergency supplies such as plywood, generators, and roof patching materials, the Rapid Response Team was prepared and was able to quickly dispatch their disaster recovery experts to Fort Myers Beach.





# FIRE STATION RESTORATION



- › **Swift Debris Clearance:** RRT's expert crews promptly cleared debris from fire stations, ensuring first responders had unobstructed access and restoring operational readiness.
- › **Temporary Utilities:** To ensure continuous power and access to clean water, RRT deployed generators, mobile bathrooms, and drinking water facilities.



# LIBRARY TRANSFORMATION



- › **Rapid Infrastructure Repair:** RRT quickly addressed hurricane damage at the local library by remediating water, mold, and structural issues, and collaborated with town officials to clear debris.
- › **Efficient Transition:** The library was transformed into a functional and secure space suitable for the municipality's temporary operations, allowing essential functions to continue during the restoration of other municipal buildings.
- › **Minimized Disruptions:** By enabling the municipal staff to operate efficiently from the library, RRT played a pivotal role in minimizing disruptions during the recovery period.

# RESULTS AND IMPACT



## FIRST RESPONDER READINESS:

Swift debris removal and power restoration ensured first responders could execute life-saving actions immediately.



## CENTRALIZED OPERATIONS:

The transformed library supported efficient municipal operations.



## DISRUPTION MINIMIZATION:

RRT's dedication to providing immediate emergency response and comprehensive restoration services minimized disruptions during recovery.

## A RAPID DIFFERENCE

The aftermath of Hurricane Ian highlights the Rapid Response Team's dedication to community and recovery. By providing immediate emergency response and comprehensive restoration services, RRT's disaster recovery approach enabled Fort Myers Beach to continue critical functions for a community in need, showcasing RRT's ability to restore communities to a pre-disaster state safely, promptly, and professionally.

