# Catastrophe Response Update

**Consumer Services Committee** 

November 20, 2024

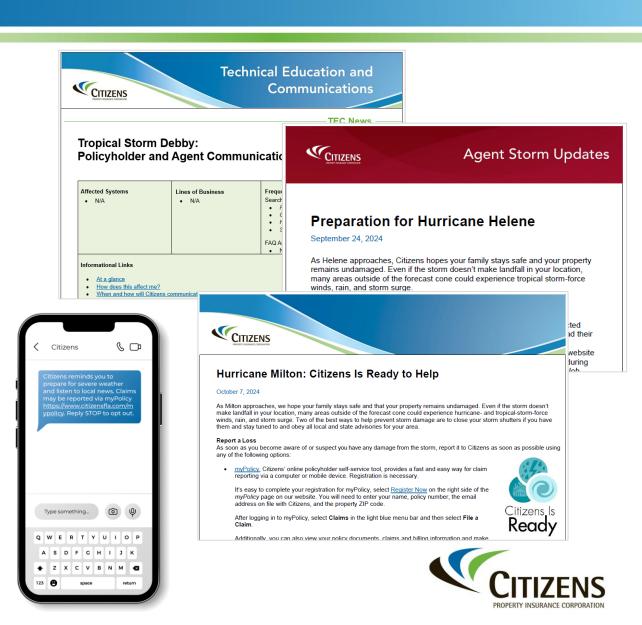
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### **Pre-Storm Communications**

# **Employee, Agent, and Policyholder Information**

- Preparation texts, emails, and information were sent to employees, agents, and policyholders in advance of the storm.
  - Text messaging encouraging storm monitoring and preparation was sent to policyholders in counties identified by Emergency Orders for Helene and Milton.
- Topics included home preparation tips, notification of binding suspension, and information to help agents prepare for claims.



### **Pre-Storm Communications**

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#### Citizens Urges Policyholders to Prepare for Hurricane Milton

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Citizens Property Insurance Corporation is urging policyholders and other Florida residents to prepare as Hurricane Milton is forecast to make landfall Wednesday in the Tampa Bay region and impact the I-4 corridor in Central Florida

Milton is expected to bring high winds, rain, and a significant storm surge to a waterlogged region still recovering from Hurricane Helene, a Category 4 hurricane that came ashore September 26 and caused significant flooding along Florida's Gulf Coast.

"We're asking storm-weary Citizens policyholders and all Floridians to again prepare

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### **Legislative Outreach**

 Emails sent to district legislative offices in the projected path of the storm.

### **Press and Media Coverage**

- Pre-storm press releases sent to encourage preparations:
  - "Be Prepared for Debby"
  - "Citizens Is Ready for Hurricane Helene"
  - "Citizens Urges Policyholders to Prepare for Hurricane Milton"
- Radio messaging on the Florida Public Radio Emergency Network (FPREN) included public service announcements about storm prep and Citizens' contact information.



### **Pre-Storm Communications**

#### **Social Media**

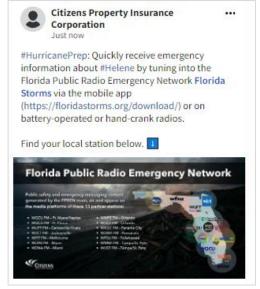
- Continuous social media coverage and messaging several days prior to landfall.
- Topics included hurricane prep tips, contact information, coverage reviews, etc.

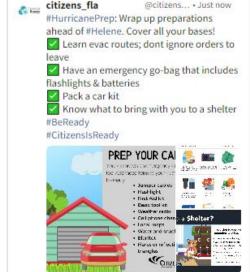
### Website/Graphics Updates

 Dozens of updates to the external website, including posting informational banners, storm prep tips, preparing the recovery resources webpage, etc.



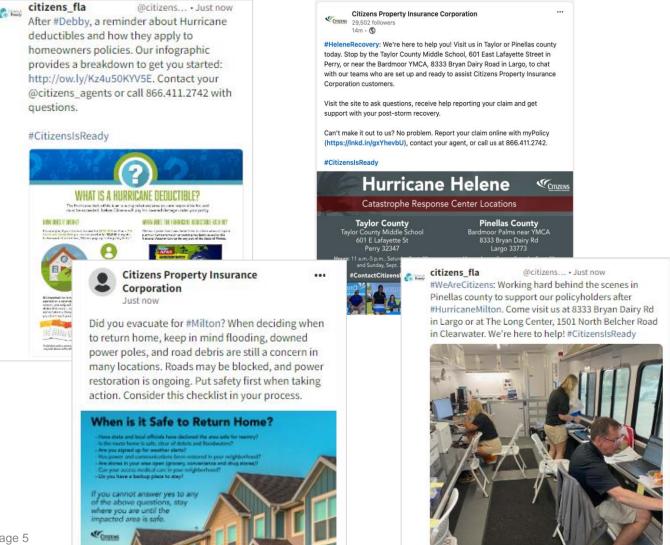








### **Post-Storm Communications**



### **Social Media**

- Continuous updates including recovery resource information, fraud awareness education, hurricane deductible reminders, and CRC locations.
- Shared information about state-hosted **One-Stop Recovery Center locations**
- Complaints received on platforms were triaged daily.

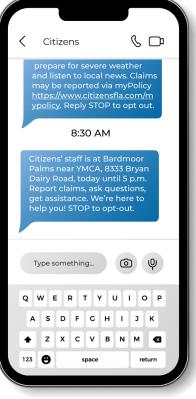
### **Website/Graphics Updates**

Dozens of updates to the external website, including posting informational banners, promoting the recovery resources webpage, adding specific content for agents and adjusters, etc.

### **Post-Storm Communications**







# **Employee, Agent, and Policyholder information**

- Emails sent to agents and policyholders throughout storm response.
- Text messages with CRC locations sent to our policyholders in the impacted counties.
- Topics included recovery information, binding suspension lifted notification, CRC locations, how to report fraud, how to file claims, and more.
- Regular updates provided to employees through internal website articles.



## **Consumer Response**

Citizens responded to our policyholders impacted by these hurricanes through multiple outward consumer-facing service channels:

- Catastrophe Response Centers (CRCs)
- FNOL Call Center Support
- Policyholder Outbound Calling Campaign (Milton)

These service channels served as critical components to Citizens' catastrophe operations, acting as the face and voice of Citizens in the aftermath of the storm.





## **FNOL Call Center Support**

FNOL Call Center support consisted of our primary FNOL vendor along with the addition of multiple contracted call center providers:

- Activation of our primary vendor and supplemental vendors were in place and ready for inbound calls ahead of the hurricanes making landfall
- 24x7 phone support provided through a combination of onsite call centers and a remote working model
- Assisted with FNOLs, claim status calls, and educating policyholders on open CRC locations in their local area for assistance with Additional Living Expense (ALE) advancements





# **Catastrophe Response Overview – Hurricane Debby**

| Catastrophe Response Activity (Tuesday, 8/6 – Saturday, 8/10) |                   |            |                     |     |       |
|---|-------------------|------------|---------------------|-----|-------|
| Catastrophe Response Centers                                  | # Insureds Served | FNOL Filed | # ALE Checks Issued | ALE | Total |
| Perry   | 6                 | 5          | 1                   | \$  | 600   |
| Live Oak  | 4                 | 2          | 0                   | \$  | -     |
| Sarasota  | 10                | 2          | 0                   | \$  | -     |
| Bradenton   | 5                 | 2          | 0                   | \$  | -     |
| Totals  | 25                | 11         | 1                   | \$  | 600   |

### FNOL Call Center (Sunday, 8/4 – Sunday, 8/11):

- 5,175 calls received
- Service Level 94.7%
- Average Speed of Answer (ASA) 6 seconds







# **Catastrophe Response Overview – Hurricane Helene**

| Catastrophe Response Activity (Saturday, 9/28 – Saturday, 10/5) |                   |            |                     |              |  |
|---|-------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Catastrophe Response Centers                                    | # Insureds Served | FNOL Filed | # ALE Checks Issued | ALE Total    |  |
| Pinellas County   | 504               | 288        | 183                 | \$ 718,100   |  |
| Taylor County   | 25                | 19         | 14                  | \$ 35,100    |  |
| Madison County  | 4                 | 2          | -                   | \$ -         |  |
| Pasco County  | 185               | 126        | 117                 | \$ 364,347   |  |
| Manatee County  | 12                | 9          | 2                   | \$ 2,500     |  |
| Insurance Village   | # Insureds Served | FNOL Filed | # ALE Checks Issued | ALE Total    |  |
| Clearwater  | 39                | 11         | 15                  | \$ 46,000    |  |
| Totals  | 769               | 455        | 331                 | \$ 1,166,047 |  |

### FNOL Call Center (Wednesday, 9/26 – Saturday, 10/5):

- 18,402 calls received
- Service Level 88.5%
- Average Speed of Answer (ASA) 25 seconds







# **Catastrophe Response Overview – Hurricane Milton**

| Catastrophe Response Activity (Sunday, 10/13 – Sunday, 10/20) |                   |            |                     |              |  |
|---|-------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Catastrophe Response Centers                                  | # Insureds Served | FNOL Filed | # ALE Checks Issued | ALE Total    |  |
| Pinellas County   | 1,246             | 882        | 350                 | \$1,219,959  |  |
| Sarasota County   | 279               | 200 83     |                     | \$256,200    |  |
| Insurance Villages  | # Insureds Served | FNOL Filed | # ALE Checks Issued | ALE Total    |  |
| Manatee County  | 493               | 334        | 263                 | \$749,900    |  |
| Clearwater  | 250               | 147        | 83                  | \$231,500    |  |
| Polk County   | 68                | 38         | 15                  | \$49,200     |  |
| Hillsborough County   | 411               | 299        | 284                 | \$1,357,002  |  |
| Totals  | 2,747             | 1,900      | 1,078               | \$ 3,863,760 |  |

### FNOL Call Center (Wednesday, 10/9 – Sunday, 10/20):

- 59,532 calls received
- Service Level 97.6%
- Average Speed of Answer (ASA) 3 seconds







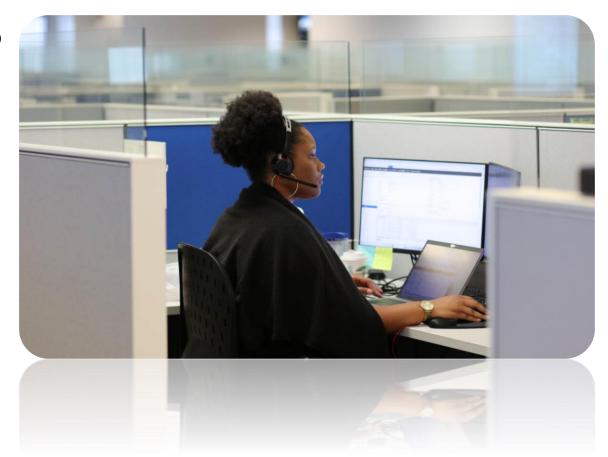
## First Contact Outbound Campaign – Hurricane Milton

The First Contact Outbound Campaign was implemented to review the claim details and educate the policyholder about the steps to follow after a loss.

- Focused on low-severity claims
- To confirm loss details and the extent of the damage
- Includes mortgage company verification

#### Campaign Results (Friday, 10/11 – Friday, 10/25):

- 16,612 Claims reviewed
- 30,973 Attempts made
- 8,935 Successful contacts





# **Catastrophe Response Summary**

| Catastrophe Response Centers / Insurance Villages |                   |            |                     |              |  |
|---|-------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Storm Name  | # Insureds Served | FNOL Filed | # ALE Checks Issued | ALE Total    |  |
| Hurricane Debby                                   | 25                | 11         | 1                   | \$ 600       |  |
| Hurricane Helene                                  | 769               | 455        | 331                 | \$ 1,166,047 |  |
| Hurricane Milton                                  | 2747              | 1,900      | 1,078               | \$ 3,863,761 |  |
| Totals  | 3,541             | 2,366      | 1,410               | \$ 5,030,408 |  |

| FNOL Call Center |                |               |                         |                      |                                 |                                   |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Storm            | Calls Received | Service Level | Average Speed of Answer | Resources<br>Trained | Outbound<br>Calling<br>Campaign | myPolicy Claims<br>(Self-Service) |
| Hurricane Debby  | 5,175          | 95%           | 6 Seconds               | 46                   | N/A                             | 272                               |
| Hurricane Helene | 18,402         | 89%           | 24 Seconds              | 419                  | N/A                             | 2,471                             |
| Hurricane Milton | 59,532         | 98%           | 3 Seconds               | 1,850                | 30,973                          | 8,817                             |
| Totals           | 83,109         | 95%           | 8 Seconds               | 2,315                | 30,973                          | 11,560                            |



### **Citizens in Action**





# Questions?

