


Citizen Disaster Management Activity "The Hurricane"

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Reasons Why...

- Citizen Interaction between Academics and Parish/City Groups
- Real-Life Scenario/Considerations
- Increased Academic Rigor




Learning Outcomes

- Time Management
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Presentation Skills


The Problem

- Category 4 Hurricane moving toward Louisiana
 - Path is determined by program staff and changes from year to year.



The Introduction

- Day 3 - Location at Random
- Parish Presidents, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate
- Appointment of Special Positions
 - Parish Emergency Manager
 - Joint Chairs of the House and Senate Emergency Preparedness Committee



The Briefing

- Day 4 - Conference Room or Small Classroom
- Citizens will need to figure out the following:
 - How the Hurricane will affect their areas (Disaster Assessment)
 - How to Prepare for the Storm (Preparedness Plan)
 - What to do after the Storm (Relief Plan)
- 3 Minute Presentation and Written Plan (EPRP)
- Emergency Legislation




The Big Day

- Day 6
- Governor's Briefing
- Hurricane Preparedness Meeting
- Joint Legislative Session
- Press Preparation



The Wrap Up

- Day 7
- Capitol Program
 - Governor's Statement
 - Press Conference



Tying it Together

- Time Management
 - Elected Responsibilities + Emergency Preparedness Work
- Collaboration
 - Forced to work between parishes
 - Compromising with finite resources
 - Link to other Academic Projects



Tying it Together

- Critical Thinking
 - Suggested questions to consider are within the project, but no right answers
 - Post project discussions
 - Development of questions from the press
- Presentation Skills
 - Hurricane Preparedness Meeting
 - Press questions in front of entire program
 - Bill presentation to Joint Legislature
 - Academic Presentations



Why it Matters

- Positive feedback from citizens about the level of rigor and engagement
- Opportunities for less-confident citizens to learn how to play a role in a major problem
- Puts in practice what we teach



Questions and more information

- Email: laboysstate@gmail.com
- Presentation and materials online: laboysstate.com/stateexchange
- See it in person – visit Louisiana Boys State as part of a staff exchange program

