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Since the early 2000s, Stephen Gutshall, a Senior Building Consultant with RMC Group, has extensive learned expertise in the construction and restoration industry. The expansive breadth of his background includes consulting on losses caused by wind, fire, and water damage across diverse property types including commercial buildings, multi-family housing, and high-rise apartment complexes. Throughout his career, Stephen has successfully managed complex claims ranging from mid-rise electrical fires to regional hurricane-related catastrophic damage, demonstrating exceptional expertise in damage assessment, mitigation coordination, and reconstruction oversight.

With a detail-oriented approach and commitment to client satisfaction, Stephen has established and maintained strong relationships with adjusters, property managers, contractors, and business owners throughout his career. His collaborative expertise in managing situations ensures effective communication with various stakeholders on every claim. Likewise in operations, Stephen excels at coordinating mitigation activities, conducting thorough invoice audits, and determining rebuild scopes in cooperation with general contractors, engineers, and municipal authorities. Utilizing his methodical approach to project management minimizes business interruption while maintaining strict adherence to timelines, budgets, and regulatory requirements.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- **RMC Group, Senior Building Consultant**
2022 to Present
- **YOUNG & Associates, Senior Building Consultant**
2018 to 2022
- **NES - United Rentals, Territory Account Manager**
2016 to 2018
- **SERVPRO of Birmingham, Project Manager**
2009 to 2016

FEATURED PROJECTS

- **Winter Storm Uri, Houston, TX - 2021**
Stephen managed catastrophic freeze damage across five apartment complexes throughout Metro Houston with total project estimated costs of \$39.8M. Freezing conditions caused widespread pipe failures in fire sprinkler and water supply lines, resulting in varying degrees of damage across multiple floors of multi-story buildings. Coordinating mitigation activities with contractors, hygienists, and the insured, Stephen prioritized mitigation efforts based on scope severity across the properties to minimize tenant disruption. He conducted full reviews and audits of \$7.6M in emergency services invoicing and abatement/debris removal budgets and schedules while determining rebuild scope and scheduling with the team of stakeholders. Using a strategic approach to prioritization and timeline management ensured efficient restoration across all five complexes while maintaining resident safety and minimizing displacement.
- **Hurricane Laura, Calcasieu Parish, AL - 2020**
Functioning as senior lead consultant, Stephen coordinated assessment and restoration efforts for 14 school buildings severely damaged by Hurricane Laura, with total project estimated costs exceeding \$44.96M. The affected structures included classrooms, gymnasiums, offices, and athletic facilities requiring extensive wind and water damage repairs. Managing a complex team of 15+ consultants, adjusters, architect, engineers, hygienists as well as mitigation and rebuild contractors, Stephen coordinated mitigation activities and open communication to minimize educational downtime and manage critical timelines. He conducted comprehensive reviews and audits of \$8.96M in mitigation contractor invoicing while determining rebuild scope with general contractors and school officials, ensuring all work met educational facility standards and allowed for timely return to operations.

FEATURED PROJECTS CONTINUED

- **Hurricane Michael, Panama City Beach, FL - 2018**
As lead consultant for a 22-story condominium tower damaged by the hurricane, Stephen assessed wind and water damage to the exterior curtain wall and EIFS system that allowed significant water intrusion into adjacent units. Managing the scope of total estimated project costs of \$4.57M, he acted as liaison with the carriers and syndicates while conducting thorough reviews and audits of \$670,000 in mitigation invoicing. Working collaboratively with an adjuster, architect, structural engineer, mitigation contractor, and reconstruction team, Stephen facilitated negotiations among all parties to reach agreed scopes and pricing, ensuring restoration met both structural requirements and aesthetic standards for the high-rise property.
- **Fire, Birmingham, AL - 2018**
Stephen managed a complex electrical fire and subsequent water damage affecting a mid-rise apartment building with total reconstruction costs estimated at \$22M. The fire, occurring between the 4th and 5th floors, impacted approximately 100,000 SF across five floors of the building's wing, which included extensive damage to electrical switchgears. Working closely with a team of two consultants, an adjuster, architect, two electrical engineers, mitigation, and rebuild contractors, Stephen coordinated mitigation activities to meet city requirements for maintaining partial building occupancy. He conducted comprehensive reviews and audits of \$4.2M in mitigation contractor invoicing while determining rebuild scope with the general contractor, insured, and city officials to ensure compliance with municipal regulations and minimize tenant disruption.