## LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOSSES

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## MAINTAINING RECORDS

## Why is it Important?

- Proper maintenance of records can make a world of difference to a member and to a JIF.
  Lawsuits are won and lost based on the documentation provided in support of the JIF's position in a given matter.
- Coverage can be denied to an insured if proper records are not maintained.
- The practice of ensuring adequate and proper documentation contributes to efficient and economical operations by guaranteeing that information is documented and accessible to all authorized parties that may need it.
- Please make sure that electronic records are maintained in such a manner that the systems in which they are stored evolve with the available technology.
- Lastly, make sure that if the records are physical documents to keep them off the floor and not in a basement.



<u>DID YOU KNOW?</u> The National Historical Publications and Records Commission awards grants to state and local governments to preserve and publish historical records. They have awarded 4500 grants since 1964. www.archives.gov/nhprc/

## OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- For Safe Lifting and Moving of Patients:njmel.org>safety>under policeagencies>Safe lifting/moving of patients
- Well maintained buildings suffer less damage in a storm. Buildings with loose trim, siding, roofing materials will be damaged before those that are "buttoned up".



