Property Program Coverage

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Our property program is the largest insurance product of all the insurance services WCIA provides to the membership. Members have scheduled over $5 billion worth of property for coverage under the program. WCIA purchases excess coverage from the insurance market for large losses. WCIA has a $750,000 deductible and funds the layer between the member deductible and the excess insurance. For losses that exceed WCIA’s deductible, the insurer assigns its own adjusters to resolve the claims. For example, the regional storm on January 5, 2015, generated damage to our members in excess of $750,000 so adjusters from McLaren’s Young were assigned to assist members in the claims process. You may find if you started your claim with FEMA and did not make a claim to WCIA, that FEMA will require you to provide proof of your insurance recoverable before they will conclude your FEMA claim. So start your claim with WCIA early and we’ll keep you informed of your coverage along the way.

The property program does more than just fix your broken stuff. The three components of the program are: 1) Property Damage which covers properties scheduled on your WCIA property schedule for repair, replacement, clean up, debris removal, protection and preservation of property, building and structures, machinery and equipment, furniture, fixtures and supplies, electronic/electrical equipment, data media; 2) Extra Expense which covers excess operating costs (to mitigate losses and operate as normally as possible), temporary location rent and relocation expenses, security at temporary location, extra employee expenses; and 3) Business Interruption which covers profit loss.

So the next time you have a property claim, remember, and consider extra expense and business interruption losses along with the cost required to repair or replace your damaged properties.