

Case Study

Company Name:

Weis Markets

Industry or Service :

Mid-Atlantic Food Retailer, Grocery Chain

A utility worker in a bucket truck reported flames coming through the roof of the Weis Market in West Hazleton, PA. As more than 20 fire departments responded, high winds quickly fueled the flames, causing heavy damage to the local grocery store. A nearby pet store also suffered smoke and water damage. All employees, customers and animals were safely evacuated from the stores.

BELFOR Property Restoration was on site within minutes to provide EMS (emergency response) services - board up, water extraction, structural drying, selective demolition, structural cleaning and debris removal.

The scope of the project also included:

- Product and contents removal - all product in the store was disposed as a precaution.
- Shelving - removal, cleaning and storage of all store shelving until the store was ready to be rebuilt.
- HVAC System Cleaning - performed by DUCTZ of Greater Poconos, a BELFOR franchise.
- Final Cleaning - deep cleaning of store prior to reopening.
- Pet Store - Cleaning and drying services.

Approximately 100 BELFOR technicians, project managers and supervisors worked at the store. BELFOR provided 12 storage containers and an admin trailer on site.

As part of the large restoration project, BELFOR also provided the store with temporary power and heat. Due to severe rain and ice storms during the loss, BELFOR performed additional emergency water extraction services when needed.

In less than six months, the store was restored and upgraded. To celebrate the grand re-opening, the Weis Markets manager and his team donated to the West Hazleton Fire Department and other local fire and EMS companies that responded to the fire.



 **BELFOR PROPERTY RESTORATION**

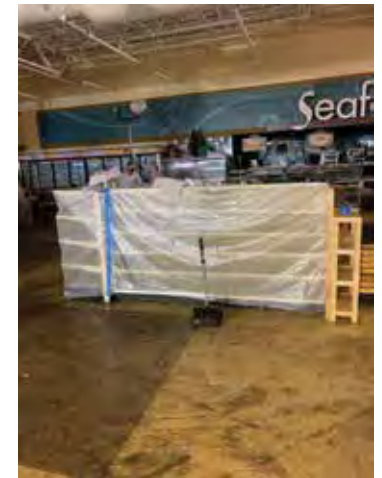
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 Water Extraction | Drying & Dehumidification | Corrosion Control | Odor Removal
 Mold Remediation | Selective Demolition | Air Duct Cleaning | Contents Restoration
 Document Recovery | Electronics Restoration | Machinery Restoration
 Environmental Services | Asbestos & Lead Abatement | Hazardous Waste Removal
 Sanitizing & Decontamination | Full-Service Reconstruction & General Contracting

Challenges

- ✓ Weis Market is the only grocery store in the community within a reasonable driving distance. The temporary closure had a severe impact on residents in the town.
- ✓ Cold temperatures and the availability of building materials in post pandemic times presented additional challenges to the overall project timeline.



 **WEIS MARKET GRAND REOPENING**

