

HURRICANE IRMA



PROJECT TYPE

Emergency Restoration

SCOPE

over 300 Linemen

LOCATION

Various parts of Florida

START DATE

September 2017

As Irby Crews were wrapping up work in Texas following Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma made landfall as the first Category 5 hurricane of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season. On September 10 Irma's winds reached 185 mph in Cuba. It was the most intense Atlantic hurricane to strike the United States since Katrina in 2005.

Less than one month after Harvey, but after that same amount of time on the job restoring power, Irby crews packed their bags and headed for Florida rather than going home.

"We had several crews working on a lot of different types of jobs before Hurricane Irma hit, but once we knew that she would hit Florida, they all sprang into action," Brent Croft, General Superintendent said. "We had crews down in Southern Florida before the hurricane even made landfall so that they could be ready to work immediately after it passed over them."

More than 300 Irby men performed work during the 2017 hurricane season. Many of those men worked both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma back to back. In total, Irby teams logged 114,000 restoration man-hours this hurricane season alongside many Quanta sister companies.

Hurricane Harvey and Irma caused mass destruction to numerous regions in and surrounding the U.S. According to estimates from Moody's Analytics, damage and lost productivity cost as much as \$200 billion.

