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**Paul Davis National provides emergency services for Reading Area Community College
- *Drying and stabilization services completed after damage from recent floods* -**

Jacksonville, Fla. – September 30, 2011 - [Paul Davis National \(PDN\)](#), the large loss specialists for Paul Davis Restoration, recently completed the building restoration, drying and stabilization services along with reconstruction work for Reading Area Community College located at 10 South 2nd St. in Reading, PA. The 30,000 square foot water damaged areas at the college were recently flooded due to rising waters from the Schuylkill River. Three buildings including a four story academic building, one warehouse and one carpentry and maintenance building experienced devastating flood damage with up to a foot of water throughout the basement and first floor levels when water poured in from the recent rains in September. However, the restoration project was completed for the returning teachers and students in just three days.

According to Howdy Russell, PDN spokesperson, the company served as the general contractor and restoration crew on the job while working with Theodore Bassano, Vice President of Business Services and Treasurer at Reading Area Community College and a team of subcontractors who provided structural clean-up, restoration and emergency mitigation services, repairs and reconstruction.

According to Russell, Paul Davis received the emergency call from Bassano on Friday, September 9 and responded immediately to assess the damage. The PDN advance team surveyed the site on Saturday, September 10 and assessed the equipment and manpower needs. On Sunday, September 11, crews arrived and worked through the night specifically to have the student center and classrooms at Penn Hall dried, cleaned, and sanitized in time for students to start class on Monday, September 12. The warehouse and storage building work was also completed during this time.

“The college had experienced devastating water damage and other problems due to the water from the river,” said Russell. “The buildings were closed while we worked around the clock to stabilize, dry and decontaminate the structures. We also replaced drywall, provided anti-microbial solutions, and remediation in preparation for state officials to inspect the property,” he said. “We were fortunate to have the water damaged areas available for emergency services which helped us meet deadlines for the College to re-open as quickly as possible and resume its recently started semester.”

Specifically, repairs and restoration work included removal and replacement of all porous materials that came into contact with river water like drywall, carpeting, and base molding. Also, the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems were cleaned. After the initial emergency work was completed, PDN cleaned and treated 100 percent of the affected buildings. The company also provided reconstruction services which included the replacement of all porous materials that came into contact with contaminated Category 3 water which is also known as "Black Water". This type of water can contain unsanitary agents, harmful bacteria and fungi.

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In addition to the general contractors, highly-specialized technicians in emergency services and restoration experts arrived at the job daily with crews working 24/7. Tractor trailers and hundreds of pieces of large and small equipment were housed on-site and used to mitigate the flood damage. Desiccant dehumidifiers, air movers, generators, and drying and contents processing equipment also arrived on the job along with skilled labor.

According to Russell, the situation was brought under control quickly and effectively through emergency response support. “This type of loss is unpredictable as are most flooding situations. Our company responds with a management strategy that requires immediate action,” he said. “This is where Paul Davis has a tremendous advantage with highly-skilled technicians and documentation which PDN delivers to ensure efficient cost containment.” Paul Davis National’s primary objective is to operate all loss sites efficiently by establishing, in writing, its proposed tactics and techniques in advance of implementation.

According to Bassano, prior to implementing the proposed restoration and reconstruction plan to stabilize and restore the structure, he was satisfied that all parties involved were aware of the proposed actions and cost estimates. Bassano acknowledged that time was critical and an agreed upon course of action was implemented immediately to alleviate potential problems.

“The Paul Davis firm responded full out in restoring Reading Area Community College after it sustained significant flooding. We were quickly able to resume full campus operations through the efforts and long hours expended by the teams assigned,” said Bassano. “The Paul Davis group of professionals extended themselves to meet our established deadline for reopening the College. Their efforts were and are greatly appreciated and we are very pleased,” he said.

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About Paul Davis:

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