



PEOPLE FOCUSED

Leon County is committed to ensuring that its residents receive efficient and timely responses in the event of an emergency, be it man-made or natural. The Leon County division of Emergency Management (DEM) is charged with coordinating the activities of more than 50 local response agencies in the event of a disaster, including the Red Cross, EMS, and the Division of Volunteer Services.

Emergency Management partners with a number of agencies throughout the community, including the State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials, the North Florida Domestic Security Task Force, the Florida Domestic Security State Working Group Executive Committee, the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Board of Directors, the American Red Cross Board of Directors and the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Emergency Management Advisory Workgroup.

Director Richard Smith manages the 9-1-1 System and Leon County's emergency preparedness, response and recovery operations. He is the current President of the Governor's Hurricane Conference, serves on the board of the American Red Cross' Capital Area Chapter and is a member of the State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials.



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PERFORMANCE DRIVEN

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

- To ensure Leon County is prepared to address disasters, during this past year, Emergency Management:
 - » Conducted 10 emergency preparedness outreach programs for senior citizens, neighborhoods, and other community groups.
 - » Facilitated four hurricane season response coordination meetings with county, city, state, and non-governmental partner agencies.
 - » Partnered with the Geographic Information System staff to create over 650 maps in support of law enforcement and other emergency management partners.
 - » Provided conference call capabilities and coordination for temporary Cold Weather Shelter operations.
- To ensure that Leon County is fully prepared in the event of an emergency, Emergency Management routinely participates in response exercises.
 - » Emergency Management participated in more than five events this year, including an Emergency Operations Center No-Notice Continuity of Operations Plan exercise and the following:
 - » Tallahassee Regional Airport full scale exercise
 - » Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan tabletop exercise in coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - » Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center Active Shooter exercise
 - » Leon County Health Department Special Needs Shelter full scale exercise



Did You Know

Leon County 9-1-1 received over 170,000 calls. Out of these calls, approximately 136,000 were from wireless devices.



When a disaster strikes, it is often difficult for people to know where to turn for the latest news and information. However, residents of Leon County now have the Emergency Information Portal (EIP), which can be found at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/ei, or by clicking on "Emergency Events" at the top of the County's main website.

The portal offers a wide array of information about weather disasters and other emergency events and how to prepare for them, including useful tips on preparing and protecting citizens in the event that natural or man-made disasters occur in Leon County.

On the left-hand navigation panel, there are links to resources for preparation, response and recovery

information, such as the status of available shelters, sandbag locations, road closures, local office and school closings, health advisories and volunteer information.

Localized information such as rain gauges and how to create individual hurricane plans is also included. The portal is regularly updated with weather alerts, active events and other information valuable in an emergency. For more information during a natural or man-made disaster, please contact Emergency Management directly at (850) 488-5921. For specific information on preparing for hurricane season and weather-related events, please visit www.HaveAHurricanePlan.com.