

Emergency Management



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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 Volunteer Center.

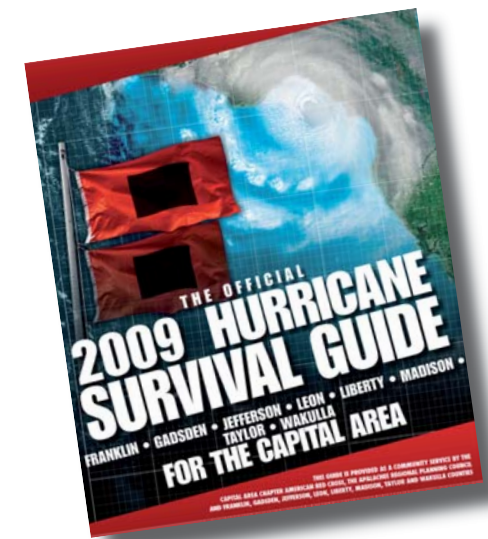
DEM is responsible for activating and maintaining the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during times of emergency, coordinating the opening of shelters for citizens evacuating from at-risk areas, and coordinating local response activities with the County EOCs in the 13-county region.

Emergency preparedness begins with each resident. However, the coordination of responding to any disaster is the primary responsibility of your County government. DEM continually strives to improve the ability to respond to any natural or man-made disaster.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Leon County Emergency Operations Center coordinated preparedness and response activities for severe weather in March and April, the April/August 2009 H1N1 Flu Pandemic Preparedness, and the August 2009 Tropical Storm Claudette.
- Participated in Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Status Report on Tropical Storm Fay.
- Participated in the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Statewide Hurricane Exercise.
- Participated in the Tallahassee Regional Airport annual airfield emergency exercise.
- Participated in the C.H. Corn Hydroelectric Dam annual emergency exercise.
- Staff participated in 13 emergency preparedness outreach programs for senior citizens, neighborhoods and other community groups.
- Received renewal of "StormReady County" recognition from National Weather Service.
- Emergency Management Director was elected President of the 2010 Governor's Hurricane Conference.
- Emergency Management Coordinator was a speaker at the 2009 Governor's Hurricane Conference to discuss Leon County's response and recovery to Tropical Storm Fay.
- Facilitated four hurricane preparedness coordination meetings with city, county, state and non-governmental cooperating agencies.
- Emergency Management's Geographic Information System staff created 241 maps in support of law enforcement and other emergency management partners.
- The Leon County Enhanced 9-1-1 System received 173,787 calls; 110,704 of these calls were from wireless telephones.
- Staff responded to 564 subpoenas and 43 public records requests for audio recordings of 9-1-1 calls.



Did You Know

In 2008, 32 people were killed and 50 were injured by severe weather in Florida. Having NOAA Weather Radio will allow you to receive warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

