EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMERGENCY INFORMATION PORTAL



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 <u>www.LeonCountyFL.gov/EIP</u>, 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.

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

- Emergency Management maintains the Leon County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to plan for and coordinate disaster response activities.
 - To reduce emergency response times and better coordinate response activities, the EOC relocated from the Leon County Jail to the recently constructed Public Safety Complex.
 - » The division activated the EOC to coordinate response operations for Tropical Storm Andrea.
 - » The division conducted 13 conference calls and coordinated temporary Cold Night Shelter Operations with partner agencies.
- To ensure Leon County is prepared to address disasters, during this past year, Emergency Management:
 - » Reviewed emergency plans for 35 healthcare facilities.
 - » Hosted the 2013 Hurricane Season Kickoff and Presentation of the Annual Hurricane Survival Guide to re-emphasize the importance of hurricane preparedness.





Emergency Operations Center at the Public Safety Complex

- » Continuously monitored severe weather situations and coordinated response activities with partner agencies throughout the region.
- » Participated in six disaster response activities, locally and statewide.
- The Leon County Enhanced 9-1-1 System received 189,722 calls during this past year. Of these calls, 141,046 were from cellular telephones.

Did You Know

To protect your home during a hurricane, exterior windows should be boarded up with wooden or metal shutters. Taping windows offers little strength to the glass and no protection against flying debris.

Visit **www.haveahurricaneplan.com** to build your hurricane plan.