
Emergency Management

WEEK IN REVIEW

Welcome

Franklin County Emergency Management is dedicated to the prevention, mitigation, preparation for, response to, and recovery from both man made and natural disasters.

Our team of staff and volunteers work tirelessly to serve you: the people of Franklin County.



Latest News



EOC Volunteers stand ready to support Franklin County

Volunteer Training Day

EOC Volunteers complete FEMA mandated training courses

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Franklin County Emergency Management. They donate their time and talent to ensure that operations run smoothly. They even save the county money.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires counties to match a certain dollar amount when FEMA dispenses financial aid. This match can be met with hours worked by county personnel, even volunteers. In order for volunteer hours to be eligible they must complete certain training courses and demonstrate knowledge of how incidents are managed.

Franklin County Emergency Management held a training day to ensure that our amazing volunteers have the knowledge they need to meet this requirement. With this training complete, every hour worked by an EOC volunteer will contribute \$27.68 to the county's contribution to receiving disaster reimbursement.

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

EOC staff work with local organizations to approve emergency plans

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mandates that medical facilities maintain a ready-to-use emergency plan. In Franklin County these would be Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola and St. James Health and Rehabilitation Center in St James Bay. These plans include everything from points of contact to supplies on hand in case of emergency.

EOC Coordinator Amanda Anthony has been working with these groups to make sure they are ready should disaster strike.

This is a good example for everyone to follow. Take the time to ensure you are Storm Ready. Ask yourself the important questions:

- Do you have enough non-perishable food available for your family?
- Do you have fuel for your vehicles?
- Do you have medical supplies, both first aid and medications?
- Is your home safe to ride out a storm in?
- Do you have an evacuation plan?
- Do you have a plan for your pets?
 - See below for pet tips

Being Storm Ready... With Your Pets

Having a plan for your pets is just as important as having a plan for your family

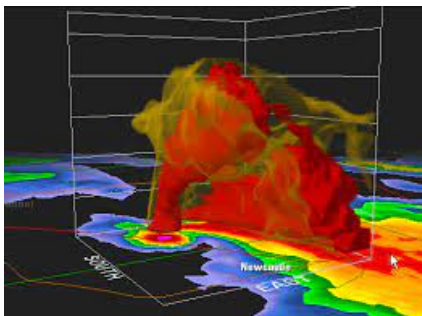
We all love our pets. They offer us a source of unmatched companionship and affection. We owe them the same thought and preparation that we give our human family members. When making an emergency supply kit, be sure to account for your animals when stocking food, water, and medication. Be sure to include veterinary records and tags for them as well.

Scan the QR code to the right to get a list of pet resources available throughout the area, including a list of pet friendly hotels if you need to evacuate.



EOC Enhances Weather Monitoring Capabilities

New weather radar software give EOC better view of storms







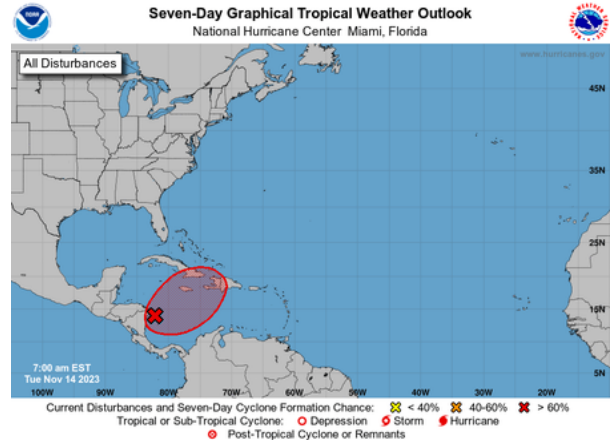
Example of 3D capabilities of new software.

We all know weather is a big part of life, especially here in Franklin County. Storms seem to come out of nowhere before quickly giving way to sunshine.

Monitoring these storms to pinpoint potential areas of damage is a part of the job at Emergency Management, a job that is made easier with the acquisition of Gibson Ridge radar software. This tool not only give high resolution and dual-pol radar data, but also allows operators to get a 3D view of the storm to better understand its potential. We are now better equipped to anticipate and respond to destructive storms in Franklin County.

Weather Outlook

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weather				
	Cloudy with Rain Showers	Cloudy with Rain Showers	Mostly Cloudy with Rain Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High Temp. (F)	71	71	72	73
Low Temp. (F)	64	64	64	62

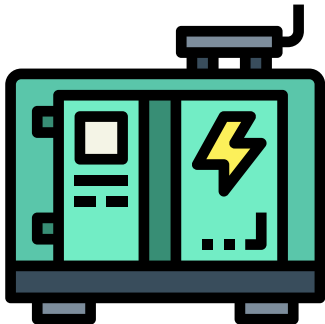


A Quick Look at the Week

Source: [National Hurricane Center](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/7dayoutlook.php)

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know Your Thoughts



Generator Safety

Portable power generators can be as deadly as they are useful

- NEVER run a generator in an enclosed space. They produce toxic gases in their exhaust that can cause suffocation
- Only plug them into a proper outlet intended for generators. Plugging them directly into your home's wiring can cause electrical damage to your home, as well as imperiling utility crews.
- NEVER refuel a generator while it is running. The gasoline can ignite and cause a fire.
- Turn off all connected appliances before starting the generator. These can be damaged by a power surge when the generator kicks on.

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