
Emergency Management

WEEK IN REVIEW

Welcome

Franklin County Emergency Management (FCEM) 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

Franklin County at Conference

Emergency Management directors meet to discuss the future of the emergency management profession in Florida.

As the hazards faced by society continue to evolve, so too must the Emergency Response community. Last week the directors from the Emergency Management department of every county met with representatives from the Florida Division of Emergency Management in Flagler County to discuss how to meet the ever changing demands of the field.

Among the topics discussed are changes to the state's Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grant program, training requirements, and the potential of introducing an Emergency Management License.

Director Jennifer Daniels represented Franklin County at this gathering, to ensure that the county's interests and needs continue to be met. This is all to make sure that Franklin County Emergency Management continues to serve the residents of the county to the best of our ability.



Director Jennifer Daniels represented Franklin County at the County/State Emergency Management Collaboration Workshop

Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

Shining a spotlight on the people who make this agency function.



Ms Judi Ring grew up in Haborcreek, Pennsylvania on the shores of Lake Erie. Ever a lover of literature, she made weekly visits to the library to check out stacks of books and would go on to graduate with a Masters Degree in Library Science. In 1994 she ascended to become to Director of the library system in the Lake Erie area. In 1998 she moved to Fort Myers to become the Library Director for Lee County.

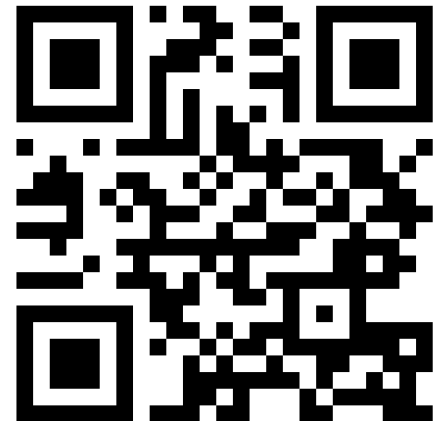
In 2001 she was appointed to the position of Director of the Division of Library Services for the state of Florida by Governor Jeb Bush. Moving to Franklin County in 2012 she now serves as Public Information Officer for FCEM. In her own words, “Now life is good everyday seeing the sunrise over the Gulf of Mexico.”

Avoid the Traffic with 511

Florida offers real time traffic information via phone or internet.

Knowing the traffic conditions on major roadways is vital during evacuations, or even regular travel. The state of Florida offers real time traffic information with their 511 service. This toll free number can be called to obtain current traffic information for roadways in the state.

For those with internet capability, visit fl511.com or scan the QR code. It will show you a map for the roads in Florida along with the current traffic flow. You can also see any road closures, detour routes, weather conditions, and even traffic camera footage.



Understanding Evacuation Orders

These life saving orders can be a little hard to understand at times.








Residents of Franklin County are familiar with evacuation orders. They are issued every hurricane season at some point as storms threaten the safety of the county. But what do these actually mean? How should you leave?

There are two kinds of evacuation orders: voluntary and mandatory:

- Voluntary evacuation orders are recommendations made to help residents make informed decisions regarding their safety.
- Mandatory evacuations are legal mandates requiring people to leave a designated area. It is actually illegal to remain in an area once a mandatory evacuation has been ordered.

In any case, it is wise to plan on leaving at least 24 hours prior to the onset of tropical storm force winds. Knowing your evacuation route is critical as well. There are only so many ways to get out of the county. Scan the QR code to the left to find your evacuation zone and escape routes.

Weather Outlook

	<u>Mon, 04 Dec</u>	<u>Tue, 05 Dec</u>	<u>Wed, 06 Dec</u>	<u>Thu, 07 Dec</u>	<u>Fri, 08 Dec</u>
Weather					
	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Overcast	Partly Cloudy
High Temp. (F)	58	63	66	66	68
Low Temp. (F)	38	36	49	53	51

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



Flash Flood Tips

Flash flooding can dampen your holiday spirit.

- DO NOT drive through flooded road ways.
 - It only takes a few inches of water to make your vehicle float.
- DO NOT enter flood waters.
 - There are likely other hazards concealed in the water.
- Monitor river levels after periods of heavy rain.
 - Current river level information can be found at <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/region.php?state=fl>
- Sign up for AlertFranklin to receive up to date information about road closures and flood conditions in the county.

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