

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

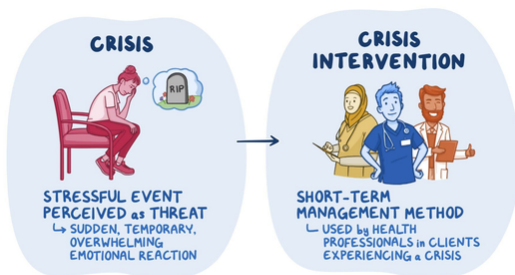
Crisis Intervention Capabilities Come to EOC

FCEM Staff are receiving training on how to handle people that are experiencing a heightened emotional states.

Disasters are stressful times for everyone involved. They can cause people to act irrationally and be much more difficult to reason with. It can also exacerbate any underlying mental or emotional conditions a person may have. It is important for all those in emergency response fields to understand how to communicate with people who may be unable to think rationally.

At the generous invitation of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, SPN Coordinator Josh Preiser attended the week long Crisis Intervention Training. This course covers everything from handling people with mental handicaps such as autism and dementia to those under the influence of drugs.

Additional staff members will be attending future classes so that the entirety of the EOC has this essential skillset to better serve the people of Franklin County.



Crisis Intervention is appearing increasingly in emergency response professions to help people get help they need.

Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

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



Tim Keith-Lucas is a retired college professor with a Ph.D. from Duke University. He taught experimental psychology with research in lemur behavior at Suwanee: the University of the South and directed the Island Ecology Program on St. Catherine's Island, Georgia.

Before retiring with his wife, Lisa, to Carrabelle he built their 44 foot steel hull trawler. He has been a volunteer at Franklin County Emergency Management since 2012, and has served as Operations Chief since 2014. Among other tasks, he is designing the future Emergency Operations Center building.

Holding Out Until Help Arrives.

Emergency Services may not always be able to immediately respond after a disaster.

After a disaster strikes the county may face significant damage to infrastructure. Roads may be blocked by trees or washed out entirely. Grocery stores may be closed or destroyed. Electronic payment methods may be nonfunctional. It is important for residents to prepare for this worst case scenario.

It is recommended that residents keep these factors in mind when planning for a disaster. Maintain a supply of food and water for your family. A period of three days is a good standard to use when maintaining this supply. Keep cash on hand as well. As mentioned before, electronic payment methods may be offline, so debit and credit cards may not work after a storm. Check out the Disaster Survival Guide for more tips to keep your family safe and storm ready.



Community Members Getting Involved






Franklin County Community Emergency Response Teams are getting reinvigorated



Many people want to help their community but do not know how to get involved. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a great way to get involved and help your community. Franklin County CERT is getting new life with dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. After taking a hit during the pandemic, new volunteers are breathing new life into this important program.

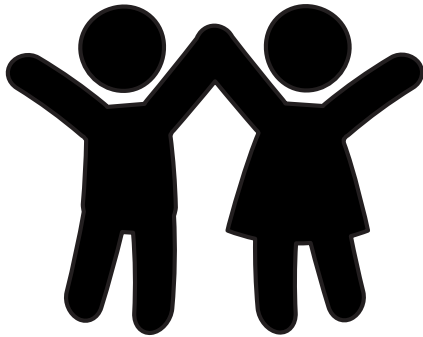
CERT members are trained in first aid, basic search and rescue, and the fundamentals of emergency management. Their volunteer hours can even help Franklin County meet compensation requirements set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, contact Director Jennifer Daniels at jenniferd@franklincountyflorida.com or by calling the EOC at 850-653-8977.

Weather Outlook

	<u>Mon, 18 Dec</u>	<u>Tue, 19 Dec</u>	<u>Wed, 20 Dec</u>	<u>Thu, 21 Dec</u>	<u>Fri, 22 Dec</u>
Weather					
	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High Temp. (F)	62	57	60	64	65
Low Temp. (F)	38	37	33	42	45

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



Storm Planning for Children

Children have special needs when planning for emergencies.

- Entertainment should be considered to help kids stay calm
 - Board games are a good, electricity free way
- Ensure that, if needed, supplies for babies are included in your emergency kit
 - Diapers
 - Formula
 - Wipes
- Food that meets any special dietary requirements your children may have

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