
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

FCEM Acquires New Mobile Command

Mobile Command trailer enhances EOC capabilities.

Flexibility and adaptability are important characteristics for emergency management. It allows the agency to respond to a wide variety of incidents and events. Franklin County Emergency Management is now better equipped thanks to its purchase of a mobile command trailer.

The mobile command center provides the county with an asset equipped with the tools needed to augment operations of all types in the county. EOC staff will be meeting with close partners to understand and accommodate their needs for the mobile command, thus increasing its effectiveness and versatility.

Equipment that the mobile command will house include a generator for electricity, radio equipment, Wi-Fi capability, as well as a modest conference room to enable command staff to plan and organize responses to various incidents.



The mobile command acquired from Gulf County Emergency Management.

Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

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



Josh Preiser is the newest staff member of the EOC. Born and raised in Western Washington, he moved to Northwest Florida in 2016. He served as a weather forecaster in the Air Force for six years, and brings that skill set to benefit operations at the EOC.

Filling the role of Special Needs Coordinator, he works with the Department of Health during evacuations to ensure that residents with special medical needs are safely out of harms way, as well as returned home after the crisis has passed.

Emergency Prescription Refills

Ensuring Florida residents have the medicine they need in times of crisis.

Florida state law allows residents to obtain a 30 day refill of prescription medications during times of crisis. Under the special circumstances listed below, any health insurer, managed care organization, or other entity licensed by the office of insurance regulation must waive the "refill too soon" restrictions on prescriptions.

This refill is ONLY available if you reside in a county that meets one of the following criteria:

- Is under a hurricane warning issued by the National Weather Service
- Is under a state of emergency as issued by the governor
- Has activated its EOC/Emergency Management Plan

For more information, visit the Florida Department of Health web page.



Christmas Tree Lights of Doom

These diminutive decorations are deceptively dangerous.








Safety tips for your Christmas tree.

Just about everyone hangs lights for the Christmas season, but few consider the hazards they pose. If not properly maintained and inspected the wires can fray and start a fire.

Similar risks present themselves with Christmas trees. As the needles on the tree dry they become more and more of a fire hazard. Keep these trees away from heat sources and electrical outlets, and never leave them unattended. These dangers are not exclusive to plug in lights, but apply to battery powered lights as well.

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					
	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High Temp. (F)	72	66	69	63	67
Low Temp. (F)	55	44	45	42	47

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



Power Outage Tips

Even a lack of electricity can be dangerous.

- Call the Duke Energy hotline at (850) 228-8485 to report the outage.
- Keep the refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible. The food contained within can spoil and cause health problems if consumed.
- Unplug electronics and appliances. There may be a power surge when the power comes back on, which could damage these devices.
- Use extreme caution if using candles as a light source. Candles pose a fire risk, so care is needed when handling them.
- Consider the weather. Evacuate your home if the temperature is too hot or cold. Many county facilities have backup generators and can provide temporary relief from extreme hot or cold conditions.

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