
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

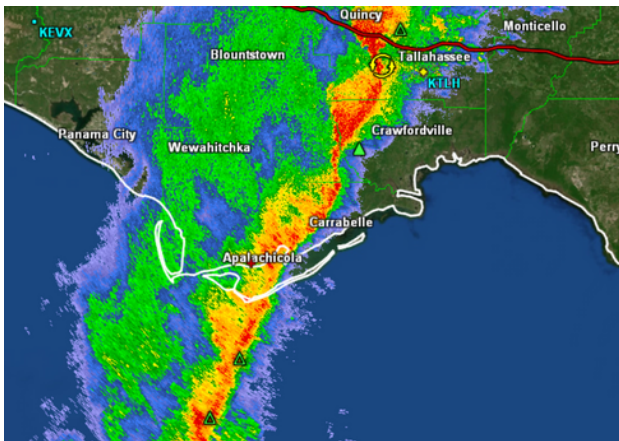
EOC During Severe Weather

A look at what we do behind the scenes.

The Emergency Operations Center does more than react to events; they also prepare and plan for them. The severe weather event that took place yesterday is a perfect example. The weather may have hit on Tuesday, but their work for it started several days prior.

FCEM staff monitor upcoming weather every day. In this case, staff were aware of the potential for severe weather about a week prior to the event. The National Weather Service (NWS) started briefings about the event in the form of webinars on Sunday afternoon, and held two more such briefings on Monday. Also on Monday, preparations were made to activate the EOC. Volunteers were notified, the building was prepared, and an operations plan was laid out.

The day the storm arrived, staff and volunteers arrived at the EOC before dawn and assessed the situation. Volunteers were assigned tasks, and the staff set about their duties, including monitoring the storm until it had passed through Franklin County in its entirety. After the storm passed, staff began monitoring the number of residents without power and collecting damage reports. Fortunately, only minimal damage has occurred as a result to the storm.



The severe weather system as it passed through Franklin County.

Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

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



Born and raised in Franklin County, Jennifer Daniels serves as the Director of the EOC having assumed this role in January of 2023. Currently having nine years of service at FCEM under her belt, she has previously worked at the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, and the Florida State Legislature. Furthermore, Jennifer is the first person in Franklin County to receive Florida Professional Emergency Manager certification from the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association.

Having raised two sons, she now lives in Carrabelle with her husband and three dogs.

Storm Notifications

Where do they come from? Who issues them?

AlertFranklin is a versatile tool capable of quickly alerting large amounts of people. After signing up, you will receive alerts and notifications from both FCEM and the NWS. Many may ask “how am I to know who is sending a given notification?”. Generally speaking, the NWS will be the agency who sends you the notifications regarding weather watches, warnings, and advisories while FCEM is the agency who alerts you to local matters such as road closures. This division is necessary as it prevents duplicate messaging from occurring, and helps reduce the confusion that may occur if multiple similar, but slightly different messages are received.



If you have not already done so, please sign up for AlertFranklin by going to <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085614811/login>

Preparations for Businesses






If you are a business owner, do you have a plan for your company in the event of disaster?

Maintaining an actionable emergency plan for your business is just as essential as having one for your home and family. Businesses are the lifeblood of society. They bring jobs, revenue, and supplies into a community.



Fortunately, resources are available to help business owners prepare for and recover from a disaster. The Federal Government maintains a list of resources for business at <https://www.ready.gov/business/emergency-plans>. Even if you are not a business owner, this site still has fantastic resources and advice on how to help prepare your home and community for disaster.

Weather Outlook

	<u>Wed, 10 Jan</u>	<u>Thu, 11 Jan</u>	<u>Fri, 12 Jan</u>	<u>Sat, 13 Jan</u>	<u>Sun, 14 Jan</u>
Weather					
	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy with Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High Temp. (F)	57	62	66	54	57
Low Temp. (F)	45	46	40	31	41

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



Flooded Roads

Roads are especially prone to flood damage.

- NEVER drive through flood water
 - Your vehicle can float away in only a few inches of water
- NEVER drive around barricades
- Wait until the road has been cleared by the local authorities
 - There could be unseen damage to the road that can pose significant risk to life and property
- Be aware of areas that frequently flood, and have alternate routes in mind
- Monitor local notifications to stay up to date on road closures

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