
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

Preparing for Cold Weather

Not your typical Florida weather.

Even the Sunshine State has freezing temperatures now and then. As uncommon as it may be, it is still important to be prepared for it, especially in Franklin County.

When the temperature dips below freezing for several hours it can cause widespread icing conditions throughout the county. With bridges being essential to transportation in Franklin County, we are especially susceptible to these icing conditions.

If travel is unavoidable, use extreme caution and ice can sometimes be impossible to spot. If your vehicle starts to slide, remain calm. Do not attempt to steer and do not slam on the brakes. Doing these things can take away what little control you have over your vehicle. Instead, gently press the brakes to slow your vehicle while allowing the wheels to still turn. This will bring your vehicle to a safe stop.

In past editions of this publication, we discussed the safety requirements surrounding generator and space heater safety. These are doubly important to bear in mind in these freezing conditions.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has additional safety guidance at their website, <https://www.floridadisaster.org/hazards/extreme-cold/>



Important cold weather safety advice.

Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

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



Amanda Anthony is the Coordinator here at Franklin County Emergency Management. Her career with the County started back in 2020 when she was hired on as the Special Needs Coordinator. Prior to working in emergency management, she graduated from Florida State with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology, she also worked at the Apalachicola Bay Charter school as a substitute teacher while trying to find her niche career wise.

During her time with Emergency Management, she has accumulated numerous certifications from FEMA, became a board member for the Florida CERT Association, and is close to obtaining her instructor certification to teach Incident Command System trainings. She continues to oversee the Emergency Managements finances and our two main grants, assist in the development of the county's CERT team, and strives to protect and serve Franklin County.

Emergency Preperation for Elderly Citizens

Considering the special needs of elderly members of the community.

There are many people who require extra preparation and consideration when planning for a disaster. Among these people are elderly members of the community. Advanced age brings increased medical concerns, and increased reliance on medication and other medical needs, such as oxygen concentrators.

When preparing an emergency kit, ensure that extra supplies of medication are available. Bear in mind that in an area under a state declaration of emergency, you are able to get an emergency refill on medications even if you just had that prescription filled.

Also consider electricity dependency. If you are reliant upon a medical device that in turn is reliant upon electricity, it is probably best to evacuate ahead of a disaster. If you have nowhere to go, consider signing up for the Florida Special Needs registry. This is a confidential list of community members who have medical considerations that require extra attention than may be available at a typical storm shelter, and thus those on the Special Needs Registry are evacuated to a special shelter where that attention can be provided.



Information regarding the Special Needs Registry.

Monitoring River Flooding






A constant and predictable threat.



The rivers in Franklin County play a large part in day to day life for many residents. They also pose a significant hazard to us all. When these rivers flood they can wash out roads, submerge peoples homes, and even claim lives. It is therefore important to maintain a close watch on how high these rivers are, particularly after periods of extended rainfall throughout the region.

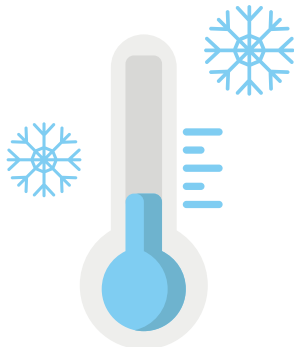
FCEM watches these river levels everyday to ensure the safety of Franklin County and its residents. If you want to see this information for yourself, visit <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/region.php?state=fl> for up to date information regarding river levels throughout the state of Florida.

Weather Outlook

	<u>Tue, 16 Jan</u>	<u>Wed, 17 Jan</u>	<u>Thu, 18 Jan</u>	<u>Fri, 19 Jan</u>	<u>Sat, 20 Jan</u>
Weather					
	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy with Rain Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High Temp. (F)	57	50	57	62	46
Low Temp. (F)	49	25	36	53	27

EOC Tip of the Week

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Cold Weather Safety

Cold weather brings its own unique set of dangers to be wary of.

- Use caution when crossing bridges. These can freeze before other areas, creating dangerous driving conditions.
- NEVER use a gas oven to heat your home. It produces carbon monoxide, which is a deadly gas that kills about 1,000 lives a year in America.
- Insulate exterior pipes. The water within can freeze causing the pipes to burst.
- Leave faucets running at a trickle at night. This makes it more difficult for the pipes to freeze.

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