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



<u>Franklin County at Gathering of</u> Minds

FCEM staff attended the annual conference hosted by the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association

The Florida Emergency Management Association (FEPA) is a non-profit group composed of emergency management, medical, and law enforcement personnel from throughout the state of Florida. Created in 1956, FEPA seeks to provide a network of emergency managers with their colleagues at all levels of government.

Director Jennifer Daniels and SPN Coordinator Josh Preiser attended a class covering EOC Operations and Situational Awareness Skillsets. Furthermore, both attended a variety of workshops ranging from Local Mitigation Strategy ranking strategies to effective mass communication. Director Daniels even participated on a panel about effective mass messaging in rural communities.

Additionally, Director Daniels was recertified as a Florida Professional Emergency Manager at the awards ceremony. This certification highlights a dedication to and expertise in the field of emergency management.

Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

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



Tony Johnson, born 2 July 1946 in Upson County, Georgia, graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Physics with a minor in Geology. He began his career as a Geophysical Engineer with Mobil Oil Corporation gathering, processing and interpreting seismic data. He worked for several companies over 30 years in North America, Libya, the Mediterranean, Thailand, New Zealand and Tunisia.

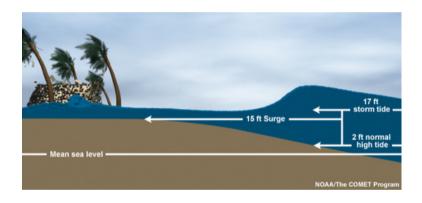
After his oil career, he worked building and installing Laser Tag arenas and as an Engineer for a plastics manufacturer of optical domes for security cameras. He am now a volunteer with Franklin County CERT and recently earned his Technician amateur radio license.

Storm Surge

One of the greatest hazards in a tropical system.

Storm surge is the mass of water thrust upon the shore by the motion and wind of a tropical system. This causes massive damage through large waves and widespread flooding. This is not limited to coasts on the ocean or Gulf of Mexico. Even rivers and streams are at risk.

This poses an especially large risk in Franklin County as the entire county is a flood zone. Prepare your home and family by having a plan. Use sand bags to barricade doors and vents into your home to help prevent flooding.



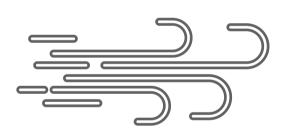
Upcoming Events

| Event | Description | Date | Time | Location | |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| CERT Class | A free course covering basic skills required for CERT members | 27Feb - 29 Feb 05Mar - 07Mar | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Eastpoint Fire Station 24 6th Street, Eastpoint | |
| Amateur Radio - Technician Level Class | Free class teaching basic radio proficiency | Every Tuesday & Thursday 15Feb - 12Mar | Contact w4zng@g mail.com | Franklin County EOC 28 Airport Road, Apalachicola | |

Weather Outlook

| | <u>Tue, 06 Feb</u> | <u>Wed, 07 Feb</u> | <u>Thu, 08 Feb</u> | <u>Fri, 09 Feb</u> | <u>Sat, 10 Feb</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Weather | *** | | | | |
| | Clear Skies | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy |
| High Temp. (F) | 67 | 63 | 64 | 67 | 70 |
| Low Temp. (F) | 40 | 40 | 40 | 48 | 55 |

EOC Tip of the Week



High Wind Safety Tips

Be in the knows when the wind blows.

- Pay attention to weather forecasts to know when to expect elevated wind speeds.
- Keep yards clear of branches or other debris.
- Use caution when driving.
 - Wind gusts can cause a loss of control of the vehicle.
 - Watch for debris blowing across the road.
 - Be ready to pull over and wait if it becomes unsafe to continue driving.
- Stay away from downed powerlines.
 - Report fallen lines to Duke Energy at (800)-228-8485

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