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# *Emergency Management*

## WEEK IN REVIEW

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### Welcome

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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

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### *Emergency Management at the Capitol*

FCEM staff and volunteers tour state facilities as well as attend state event.

The annual Emergency Management Day was held last week in Tallahassee. This event brings Emergency Managers from throughout the state together to discuss matters of import to those in the profession. It also recognizes those who have gone above and beyond to help the citizens of Florida. Director Jennifer Daniels represented Franklin County at this event, and has returned with information that will help improve operations at the EOC.



Last week also saw the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and National Weather Service (NWS) Tallahassee office host a group of CERT volunteers from both Franklin and Walton counties. This provided the volunteers with insight on how they and FCEM fit into picture at the state level. Our volunteers were honored to be given the tour by FDEM Director Kevin Guthrie.

After finishing orientation at FDEM, the group then went to the NWS Tallahassee office. Here they learned how forecast products are developed and how the NWS contributes to the public safety efforts in Florida.

## *Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers*

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



Rob Zingarelli does volunteer auxiliary communications and related support for FCEM. This includes amateur and other radio operations, teaching radio licensing classes, and working on two-way radio station design, construction, and maintenance.

A fourth generation Apalachicola citizen, he is also a research physicist recently retired from a 30-year career in underwater acoustics at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, holds a PhD in experimental nuclear physics from Florida State University, a BS in computational physics from Carnegie-Mellon University, and is a 1980 graduate of Apalachicola High School. In his spare time, he hikes, hunts, fishes, rides his bicycle, dabbles in obscure corners of physics & math, and (of course) talks all over the country via amateur radio.

## *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.

## *Upcoming Events*

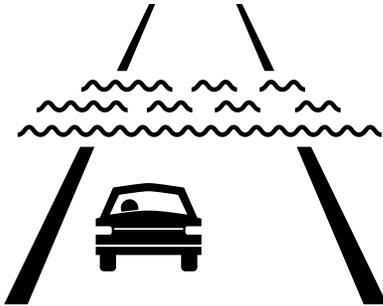
Event	Description	Date	Time	Location
CPR & Choking Response Class	Training residents how to administer CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver on adults and children	21Feb	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Holy Family Senior Center 203 7th St, Apalachicola
CERT Class	A free course covering basic skills required for CERT members	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@gmail.com	Franklin County EOC 28 Airport Road, Apalachicola

Weather Outlook

	<u>Tue, 13 Feb</u>	<u>Wed, 14 Feb</u>	<u>Thu, 15 Feb</u>	<u>Fri, 16 Feb</u>	<u>Sat, 17 Feb</u>
<b>Weather</b>					
	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy with Rain Showers	Cloudy with Rain Showers
<b>High Temp. (F)</b>	59	62	65	66	63
<b>Low Temp. (F)</b>	40	38	42	47	54

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



*Flash Flood Safety Tips*

Flash Flooding can occur without warning

- DO NOT drive through flooded road ways.
  - It only takes a few inches of water to make your vehicle float.
- DO NOT enter flood waters.
  - There are likely other hazards concealed in the water.
- Monitor river levels after periods of heavy rain.
  - Current river level information can be found at <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/region.php?state=fl>
- Sign up for AlertFranklin to receive up to date information about road closures and flood conditions in the county.

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