
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

Parading Through Carrabelle

FCEM proud to participate in Camp Gordon Johnston Parade

With the no holds barred brawl of the Second World War, the entire nation committed itself to the fight. Franklin County was no exception. Due to the tropical nature of the region it made an ideal location to train and acclimate troops for the conditions in the Pacific to fight the Japanese Empire. Thus the Army established Camp Gordon Johnston to conduct this training. Over the course of four years, tens of thousands of warfighters trained and honed their skills at Gordon Johnston, and made an immeasurable contribution to our victory over the Rising Sun.

Despite having been shut down in 1946 the memory of Camp Gordon Johnston lives on in the Camp Gordon Johnston museum in Carrabelle. The museum proudly preserves artifacts from the camp as well as vehicles from not only the American arsenal, but that of the Germans as well. The museum also hosts the annual Camp Gordon Johnston Parade in Carrabelle.

Held every year in Carrabelle, the parade is intended to honor American Veterans and thank them for their sacrifice and service in the name of our great nation. Emergency Management is proud to be a regular participant in this parade.



Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

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



Scott Haussman worked 32 years for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Before he retired he was responsible for coordinating the Department's wetlands protection and management programs.

Scott was also a EMT and later a Dive Medic for 30 plus years, a volunteer firefighter and a Wisconsin fire service instructor for 15 years. An avid SCUBA diver he has logged dives throughout the world.

Before moving to Apalachicola he lived on the Caribbean island of Bonaire where he was a supervisor at the recompression (hyperbaric) chamber and volunteered with both the National Marine Park and the CIEE Marine Research Station.

In addition to CERT, Scott volunteers with FSU's Coastal and Marine Laboratory and is a US Coast Guard Auxiliary member.

Do You Have a Disaster Supply Kit?

Now is the time to prepare for an emergency.

With Hurricane Season on the horizon, now is the time to make sure you and your family are ready should a storm head our way this year. At a minimum you should have AT LEAST THREE (3) DAYS WORTH of the following items in your disaster supply kit:

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-Perishable Food
- Manual Can Opener
- Battery Powered or hand cranked radio NOAA Weather Radio
- Flashlight with Batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Prescription Medications
- Hand Sanitizer
- Local Maps
- Cards/Board Games
- Cash

Monitoring Oceanic Predators

Do you know where the hunters are in the water?

Among the beach flags flown is the purple flag, indicating hazardous marine life. This can describe anything from jellyfish to sharks. One way to see where these creatures are is through a shark tracker. When researchers catch a shark, they tag it with a GPS tracker that sends its location when the shark travels up high enough in the water. This allows the researchers to learn about migration habits of various species, and allows the public to see where these creatures are. For instance, less than a week ago a 9 1/2 foot Great White Shark pinged just off of Cape San Blas.

Check out websites like <https://www.ocearch.org/tracker/> to see for yourself where these sharks are.

Franklin County CERT Welcomes New Members

A CERT Training course has concluded, and more citizens stand ready to assist



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a group of volunteers who step forward in order to help their neighbors and community. They provide vital assistance to first responders, and are even a federally recognized program with FEMA setting training standards for volunteers. Franklin County is fortunate to have an incredible team of CERT volunteers, and that team just got bigger.






CERT volunteer Tim Keith-Lucas recently held a class to bring onboard several new members from the local community. This training covered topics such as CPR and first aid, disaster psychology, and fire extinguisher usage. Held over the course of two weeks, six new members have graduated and are now full fledged members of Franklin County CERT.

If you would like to learn more about the CERT program and how to become a member, please visit the FCEM website at <https://www.franklinemergencymanagement.com/franklin-county-cert/>, or visit our office at 28 Airport Road in Apalachicola.

Upcoming Events

Event	Description	Date	Time	Location
Ham Radio General License Class	A class to teach students what they need to know to attain the second level of Ham Radio licensure	Every Tuesday and Thursday from 04APR-02MAY	Contact w4zng.radio@gmail.com	FCEM 28 Airport Rd Apalachicola, FL 32320

Weather Outlook

	<u>Tue, 19 Mar</u>	<u>Wed, 20 Mar</u>	<u>Thu, 21 Mar</u>	<u>Fri, 22 Mar</u>	<u>Sat, 23 Mar</u>
Weather					
	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy with Rain Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High Temp. (F)	61	67	71	70	70
Low Temp. (F)	37	37	45	57	58

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



Hot Weather Safety

A quick reminder on staying safe as temperatures rise back to summer norms

- Dress appropriately
 - Wear lightweight, loose fitting, light colored clothes
- Stay hydrated
 - Drink plenty of non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated fluids
- Limit time in the sun
 - Allow your body time to cool
- Monitor weather warnings
 - The NWS will issue warnings in times of excessive heat
- Learn the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke
 - This will allow you to help protect those around you, and know when to seek life saving care when needed

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