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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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### *Career Day at Franklin County School*

Educating the next generation of leaders.

As students at Franklin County School approach the end of their tenure, they attend an annual Career Day where representatives from various county agencies, businesses, and military branches speak to students about possible career paths they can take. For many years, Emergency Management has attended this event to inform students about the field of emergency management and the various ways they can be a part of it.

This year, Coordinator Amanda Anthony and SPN Coordinator Josh Preiser represented FCEM, and Allen Sanders represented the Community Emergency Response Team. Many students stopped to discuss employment and volunteer possibilities in the emergency management field, both in Franklin County and across the country.

Even if they do not pursue a career in emergency management fields, they can still contribute to the safety of their communities through increased knowledge and training.



## **Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers**

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



Allen Sanders was born in the town of Hardeeville, South Carolina and worked at the Georgia Pacific mill in the maintenance department for 27 years. He moved to Carrabelle in 2017, motivated by the abundance of nature in the area.

Joining the CERT program in 2023, Allen assumed the responsibility of maintaining the grounds of the EOC. He enjoys being a part of the CERT team and knowing he makes a difference in his community during times of need.

## **Exploring the EOC website.**

Getting to know the resources available to you.

Maps are a quintessential part of planning and preparedness. As such, FCEM maintains several relevant maps on our website on the page located at

<https://www.franklinemergencymanagement.com/services/evacuation-information/>. These maps include:

- Evacuation zones and routes
- FEMA Flood map
- Topographical maps
- Information regarding other map sources

## **Expanding weather monitoring in Franklin County**

New weather stations are being installed throughout the county.

Weatherstem is a company based in Tallahassee that produces weather monitoring units. They partner with various organizations to install these units to benefit public safety and preparedness. Franklin County is fortunate to have several of these stations throughout the county, and FCEM is pleased to report that more are being installed. One will be at the Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department, one next to the lighthouse on St George Island, and one is planned to be put on Dog Island.

You can view the feeds from the stations in Franklin County at <https://franklin.weatherstem.com>.

### *This week at the EOC*






A glance at the projects that each staff member and prominent volunteer is undertaking.

- Scott Bush (Quartermaster) is renovating the command trailer so that it is tailored to our needs.
- Rob Zingarelli (Lead Radio Operator) confirmed our amateur radio contact with the outside world Wednesday and is now working on a class curriculum to help our Technician level operators prepare for the FCC General license exam. He is also working on the wiring for radios in the command trailer.
- Patricia Bludworth is back in town and just got assigned moving equipment from around the EOC to the command trailer and its support trailer. She is our inventory specialist and knows where everything is located.
- Tim Keith-Lucas (Operations Chief) is working on our checklists that make sure that we don't forget some important step when a hurricane approaches.
- Judi Ring (Public Communications Officer) and Allen Sanders (Groundskeeper and painter) have carpooled to South Carolina to visit their respective families.
- Jennifer Daniels is working to incorporate Florida's F-ROC program into Franklin County's procedures.
- Amanda Anthony is overhauling the FCEM website.
- Josh Preiser is working with local healthcare agencies to update their respective emergency management plans.
- We are all eagerly waiting for our new building plans to get past the state Office of Environmental and Historic Preservation.

### *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
Local Mitigation Strategy Meeting	A meeting held quarterly to discuss ongoing projects to mitigate the impact of disasters in Franklin County	17Apr	1000	FCEM 28 Airport Rd Apalachicola, FL 32320

Weather Outlook

	<u>Tue, 02 Apr</u>	<u>Wed, 03 Apr</u>	<u>Thu, 04 Apr</u>	<u>Fri, 05 Apr</u>	<u>Sat, 06 Apr</u>
<b>Weather</b>					
	Mostly Cloudy	Rain Showers with a chance of Thunderstorms	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
<b>High Temp. (F)</b>	78	74	72	69	68
<b>Low Temp. (F)</b>	70	66	52	46	42

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



*Eclipse Safety*

Everyone needs to know how to safely view this rare event.

- Use proper eye protection
  - Normal sunglasses are not enough, nor are any of the following:
    - Camera lenses
    - Binoculars
    - Telescopes
- Use proper skin protection
  - Sunscreen, hats, and protective clothing are still important to wear during an eclipse
- For more information, visit <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety/>

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