

Emergency Management

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

EOC News

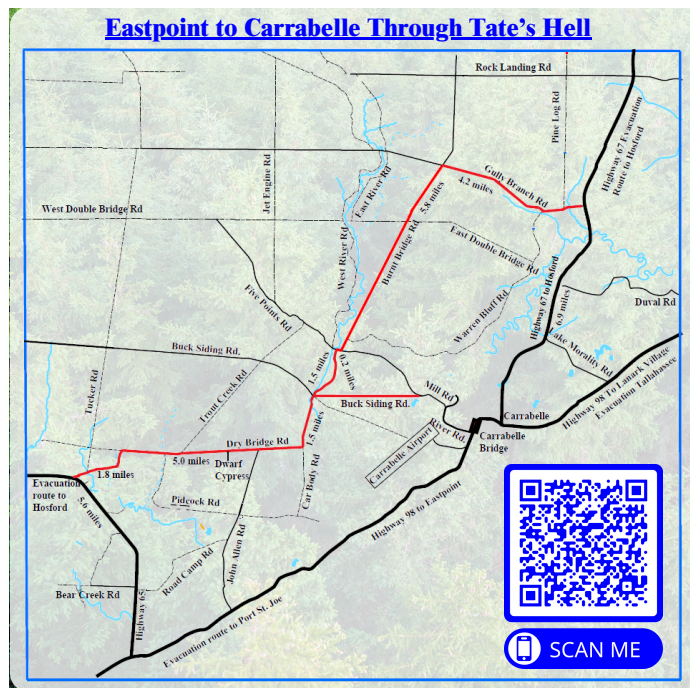
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The Tate's Hell Map is Ready

The EOC staff and volunteers have diligently collaborated to create a comprehensive map of Tate's Hell, outlining alternative routes from Eastpoint to Carrabelle in the event of HWY 98 being impassable due to a storm. This map offers detailed instructions on accessing these routes when necessary.

Moreover, it incorporates essential safety guidelines for our county, encompassing information on beach flag systems, emergency message registration, evacuation routes, and more.

Physical copies of the maps are obtainable at the EOC, while a digital version can be accessed by scanning the provided QR code.



EOC to Present Classes Online

Some basic classes will be recorded and presented online.

As the demand for classes at the EOC rises, an initiative has been launched to record and host these sessions online. Currently, progress has been made in digitizing the basic Storm Spotter course, Technician level ham radio training, and certain parts of the CERT basic training customized for Franklin County.

By transitioning these resources to an online platform, a broader audience will have convenient access to valuable preparedness information, enabling the community to better equip themselves for an array of potential disasters and occurrences.

Details regarding accessing these courses will be provided upon their readiness for publication.



Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

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



The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jessica Lockhart to the position of Special Needs Coordinator. During the interview process, Jessica distinguished herself before the scoring committee with her positive demeanor, FEMA certifications, commitment to furthering her education in the field, and proficient computer skills. Her official start date is scheduled for July 1, 2024. We are excited to have her join our team and eagerly anticipate working with her.

For those seeking a re-entry tag, enrollment in the special needs registry, or to sign up for the evacuation transportation list, we encourage you to visit Jessica, who will be delighted to provide assistance.

Alert Franklin Sticker Campaign

Help us spread emergency preparedness throughout the community.

In recent weeks, our team of staff and volunteers has diligently undertaken the distribution of QR code stickers. These stickers, upon scanning, direct residents and visitors to the Alert Franklin sign-up page. Alert Franklin serves as a vital mass notification system that distributes emergency messages from EOC and the National Weather Service via text, phone calls, and emails.

We kindly request community members who own or oversee businesses within the county to affix these 3-inch stickers in prominent locations such as doors, windows, and cash registers to enhance awareness of emergency preparedness. To obtain these stickers for your business, please reach out to Amanda Anthony at amandaa@franklincountyflorida.com, who will gladly supply you with the necessary quantity.



Upcoming Request for Proposals

The time has come to renew our Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring Contracts.

In the coming weeks, Franklin County will be putting out a request for proposals (RFP) for Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring after a disaster. The RFP is still being finalized. Upon completion and approval by the Board of County Commissioners, it will be advertised on Demand Star, in Panama City News Herald, in the Tallahassee Democrat, on our website, and in additional locations. The goal is to ensure that the county is well-prepared to handle any potential disasters efficiently and effectively. Contractors interested in submitting proposals should keep an eye on these platforms for the official announcement and detailed guidelines. The county is committed to transparency and fairness throughout this process. We look forward to receiving innovative and effective proposals that will help us maintain the resilience and well-being of our community.

See What We Are Up To



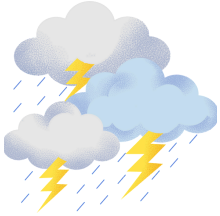
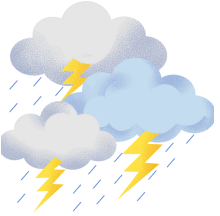
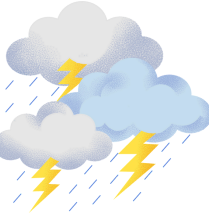
A glance at the projects that each staff member and prominent volunteer is undertaking.

- Scott Bush, the Quartermaster, is currently reorganizing the EOC trailers to cater to a broader range of events.
- Rob Zingarelli, the Lead Radio Operator, is focusing on the wiring setup for radios within the command trailer.
- Patricia Bludworth, the Inventory Manager, is in the process of transferring equipment from various areas around the EOC to both the command trailer and its accompanying support trailer.
- Tim Keith-Lucas, the Operations Chief, is enhancing our checklists to ensure critical steps are not overlooked during hurricane preparedness.
- Judi Ring, the CERT President, is crafting educational materials to inform the public about the CERT program.
- Allen Sanders, the Groundskeeper, has resumed groundskeeping activities in preparation for the upcoming summer season, and is working on maintaining chainsaws.
- Jennifer Daniels is diligently working on drafting an RFP for Debris Monitoring and Debris Removal.
- Amanda Anthony continues her efforts to enhance the user-friendliness of the EOC website and is overseeing the completion of financial reports related to EOC grants.
- The team eagerly anticipates the review and approval of the new building plans by the state Office of Environmental and Historic Preservation.

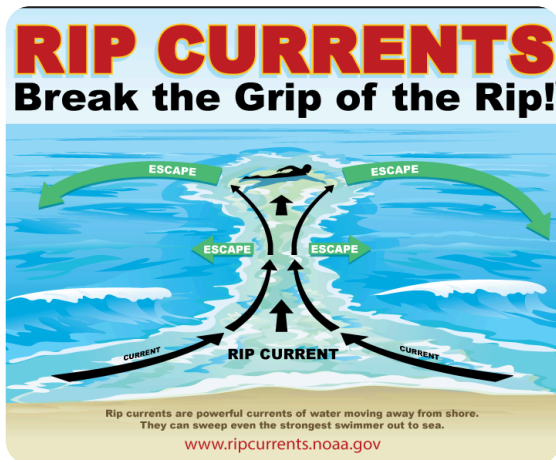
Upcoming Events

Event	Description	Date	Time	Location
Juneteenth	Holiday - EOC will be closed	June 19th	-	-
LMS & Stakeholders Meeting	Quarterly Local Mitigation Strategy Meeting	July 17, 2024	10:00 AM	EOC 28 Airport Rd, Apalachicola

Weather Outlook

	<u>Tue, 18 June</u>	<u>Wed, 19 June</u>	<u>Thu, 20 June</u>	<u>Fri, 21 June</u>	<u>Sat, 22 June</u>
Weather					
	Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Chance of Rain and Breezy	Chance of Thunderstorms and Breezy	Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms
Temp. (F)	77 / 89	77 / 91	76 / 91	75 / 90	76 / 91

EOC Tip of the Week



- DO NOT fight the Current
- Swim out of the current, then go to shore
- If you can't escape float or tread water
- If you need help call or wave for assistance
- Always check beach flags before entering the water. If red flags are flying stay out of the water
- Never swim alone

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