

Emergency Management

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

EOC News

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EOC Staff to Attend FEPA Mid-Year 2024

EOC Director Jennifer Daniels, and Special Needs Coordinator Jessica Lockhart, are scheduled to participate in the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association's Mid-Year Conference from July 21st to 26th. Our team has maintained active membership within FEPA for several years.

Notably, Jennifer Daniels currently holds the prestigious Florida Professional Emergency Manager (FPEM) certification, the highest level of recognition within the organization.

Furthermore, she actively contributes to the Conference Planning Committee and the Certification Committee.

Established in 1956, the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association is dedicated to supporting professional Emergency Managers in safeguarding Florida's residents. The association's primary objective is to foster an educational platform that facilitates collaboration among emergency managers and their counterparts at the federal, state, county, municipal, tribal, volunteer, and private industry levels, addressing crucial emergency management concerns.

Are You Hurricane Ready?

We find ourselves one month into the hurricane season with five months remaining, having already experienced one named storm and witnessing frequent tropical activity in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic. This early activity suggests the potential for another active season. It is vital to ensure that you and your family are well-prepared for any impending storms.

To assess your readiness, consider the following key questions:

- Does your family have an emergency plan, including provisions for pets?
- Have you registered for emergency notifications, such as Alert Franklin?
- Have you established a shelter plan and evacuation route?
- Do you possess a disaster supply kit and re-entry tags?
- Is there a need to enroll in the special needs registry or secure evacuation transportation assistance for yourself or a family member?

Addressing these inquiries is a crucial first step in disaster preparedness.

Fortunately, numerous resources are available to aid you in this process.

Our website offers valuable links and resources, as do Ready.gov and

FEMA.gov. Scan the QR code to go to our website.



Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

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



The Franklin County Property Appraiser's Office has not only been a valuable asset to our community but has also played a pivotal role in post-hurricane recovery efforts. Following a hurricane or tropical storm, the Property Appraiser and her dedicated team diligently conduct damage assessments throughout Franklin County. During Hurricane Michael in 2018, they managed to assess the entire county's damage within a week. These assessments are then submitted to FEMA, contributing to securing a disaster declaration and subsequent assistance. The efforts of the Property Appraiser's Office are deeply appreciated by our staff.

Local Mitigation Strategy

We want you at our meetings.

Our community is well aware of the diverse hazards that Franklin County encounters due to its geographical location. Recognizing the critical need to mitigate these vulnerabilities, a collaborative effort between the public and private sectors of Apalachicola, Carrabelle, and Franklin County has resulted in the establishment of a task force. This task force is dedicated to executing a comprehensive planning process, culminating in the development of the Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy. The LMS serves as a pivotal component in the long-term recovery post-disaster. By proactively identifying risks and implementing preventive measures, the LMS aims to safeguard lives, property, and the environment. Through diligent efforts, the task force has engaged with a spectrum of stakeholders, including local government entities, businesses, community groups, and residents. This inclusive approach ensures a well-rounded strategy that caters to the distinct needs and capacities of our community. The LMS encompass detailed risk assessments, public awareness campaigns, and the formulation of emergency response blueprints. Furthermore, the strategy delineates specific projects and endeavors aimed at fortifying infrastructure, improving communication networks, and supporting vulnerable demographics. Together, we are fortifying a more resilient Franklin County, ready to confront future adversities with solidarity and assurance.

By investing in these mitigation endeavors today, we are securing the well-being of our community for the coming generations. We extend an invitation to the public to attend our open meetings and actively participate in this crucial initiative. We eagerly anticipate your presence at our next meeting.

Fourth of July Fever

Let us commemorate our nation's freedom with abundant joy and safety.

With the forthcoming holiday weekend, the community anticipates a flurry of activities. We urge our residents to have an enjoyable and safe 4th of July celebration. Whether engaging in beach activities, hosting barbecues with loved ones, or partaking in fireworks displays, it is essential to adhere to safety protocols and show consideration for neighbors. Pet owners should ensure their pets are secure and comfortable as fireworks may cause distress.

Moreover, when handling fireworks, it is crucial to exercise responsibility and comply with local regulations. Let us commemorate our nation's independence with both jubilation and mindfulness. Wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July!



See What We Are Up To


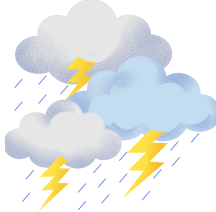

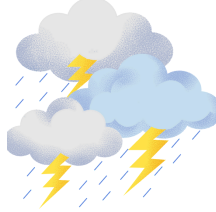

A glance at the projects that each staff member and prominent volunteer is undertaking.

- Jennifer Daniels is diligently working on drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Debris Monitoring and Debris Removal, while also updating our directories.
- Amanda Anthony remains focused on improving the user experience of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) website and overseeing the finalization of financial reports pertaining to EOC grants.
- Tim Keith-Lucas, the Operations Chief, is refining our checklists to ensure comprehensive hurricane preparedness and updating our communications plan.
- Scott Bush, the Quartermaster, is currently reorganizing the EOC trailers to accommodate a wider array of events and coordinating the organization of the Hangar.
- Judi Ring, the CERT President, is developing educational materials to raise awareness about the CERT program among the public and updating our event schedule.
- Rob Zingarelli, the Lead Radio Operator, is concentrating on the radio wiring setup within the command trailer.
- Patricia Blutworth, the Inventory Manager, is in the process of consolidating equipment from various areas within the EOC to both the command trailer and its supporting trailer.
- Allen Sanders, the Groundskeeper, has resumed grounds maintenance activities in preparation for the forthcoming summer season and is currently maintaining chainsaws.
- The team eagerly awaits the review and approval of the new building plans by the state Office of Environmental and Historic Preservation.

Upcoming Events

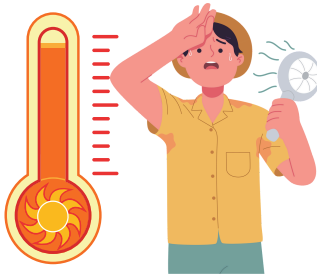
Event	Description	Date	Time	Location
4th of July	Holiday - EOC will be closed	July 4, 2024	-	-
LMS & Stakeholders Meeting	Quarterly Local Mitigation Strategy Meeting	July 17, 2024	10:00 AM	EOC 28 Airport Rd, Apalachicola

Weather Outlook

	<u>Thur, 27 June</u>	<u>Fri, 28 June</u>	<u>Sat, 29 June</u>	<u>Sun, 30 June</u>	<u>Mon, 1 July</u>
Weather					
	Chance of Showers	Chane of Showers and Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny	Chane of Showers and Thunderstorms	Mostly Cloudy with Sowers
Temp. (F)	79 / 86	80 / 86	78 / 88	78 / 88	80 / 88

EOC Tip of the Week

Let Us Know What You Think



Extreme Heat *Beat the Heat*

- Avoid prolonged exposure outside and strenuous activities.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Wear light clothing.
- Never leave people or pets in a closed car.
- Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.
- Find air conditioning, if possible.

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