

Emergency Management

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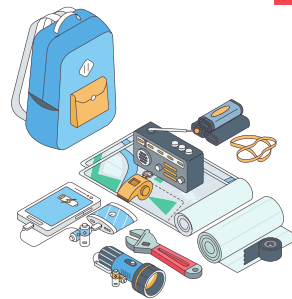
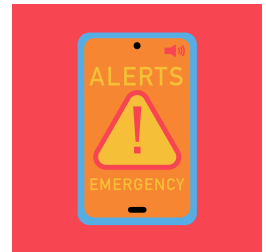
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Twelve Preparation Tips

After the recent storm preparedness efforts within our community, it is essential to assess and enhance our readiness for future events. While ideally, we would have ample time to prepare before the next occurrence, it is prudent to proactively strengthen our preparedness measures.

Outlined below are actionable steps to fortify our readiness:

- Ensure registration for Alerts and Warnings
- Develop a comprehensive Plan
- Establish a Financial Safety Net
- Conduct Emergency Drills
- Review and practice the Family Communication Plan
- Safeguard Important Documents
- Coordinate plans with neighbors
- Enhance Home Security
- Familiarize with Evacuation Routes
- Update or assemble Emergency Supplies
- Engage with the local community
- Document and Insure Property



Moreover, it is imperative to address the emotional and mental well-being of both family members and neighbors by creating support networks and staying informed about available resources. Attending local preparedness workshops and training sessions can further enhance our understanding of best practices.

The integration of technology can significantly boost preparedness endeavors. Using mobile apps tailored for emergency management and investing in home automation systems for real-time alerts are notable strategies. Installing backup power sources, such as generators, ensures connectivity during power outages.

It is crucial to recognize that preparedness is an ongoing commitment. Regularly revisiting and updating plans, supply kits, and skills is vital to adapt to evolving circumstances. By adhering to these recommendations, we can cultivate an adaptable and united community capable of confronting any adversity.

These proactive measures not only safeguard our collective well-being but also nurture a sense of solidarity and flexibility within our community. Remaining abreast of local government resources and actively participating in community initiatives can offer valuable insights and support. Through collaborative efforts and knowledge-sharing, we can forge a more robust and prepared community ready to confront future challenges. Remember, preparedness is a continuous journey, and each small action contributes to our shared safety and tranquility. Let us remain steadfast and vigilant, ensuring our continuous readiness for whatever lies ahead.

Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

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

CERT Volunteer Robin Gibson

Robin Gibson, a native of Perry, FL, pursued her education at Central Florida, where she earned a degree in Agri Business. Her academic journey was driven by a passion for horses, aiming to deepen her comprehension of how agriculture and land management practices could enhance her equestrian interests. Drawing from her background as a former United Parcel Service driver, Robin now devotes her time to tending her garden and landscaping. Furthermore, she actively contributes to our CERT team, showcasing her commitment to community involvement and emergency response initiatives.

As a member of our CERT Team, Robin is in charge of making sure that our county vehicles are kept up to date. She meticulously oversees the maintenance schedules, ensuring each vehicle is serviced regularly and operates at peak efficiency. Robin's attention to detail and organizational skills make her an invaluable asset to the team, enabling smooth operations during emergency responses.

Her dedication to both her community and her personal interests exemplifies a harmonious balance of professional commitment and personal fulfillment. Robin's journey from a UPS driver to a key player in local emergency preparedness showcases her adaptability and resilience. She continually inspires those around her with her tireless work ethic and unwavering dedication to making her community a safer and more vibrant place.

Her warm personality and willingness to lend a helping hand have made her a beloved figure within the community. Whether she's organizing local events or offering her expertise to fellow gardeners, Robin's influence extends far beyond her immediate surroundings, leaving a lasting positive impact on everyone she meets.

Identifying Essential Documents to Secure During an Evacuation

Disasters often strike suddenly, underscoring the importance of taking preventive steps to ensure your family's safety. One crucial aspect is understanding which documents should be protected. There are two primary storage methods to consider:

- Physical storage options involve a portable fire-resistant/water-resistant bag, a binder with plastic sleeves, or a double-bagged Ziploc bag.
- Electronic storage options include email, thumb/external hard drive, phone or computer, or cloud storage.

Essential documents to have on hand include Driver's License, Military ID, Birth certificates, Passports, Social Security Cards, Adoption Paperwork, vital medical records, property documents with insurance details, financial information (such as online banking credentials), and any significant legal, personal, or family records like cherished photos and letters.

In addition to storing these vital documents, it's also essential to keep them organized and easily accessible. Here are a few tips to help you manage your important records effectively:

1. ****Create a Checklist****
2. ****Label and Categorize****
3. ****Backup Regularly****
4. ****Secure Access****
5. ****Inform Family Members****
6. ****Emergency Binder****

By taking these steps, you can ensure that you and your loved ones are better prepared to handle any unforeseen events with confidence and peace of mind. Remember, the goal is not only to protect these documents but also to make sure they are accessible when you need them most.

See What We Are Up To






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

- Jennifer Daniels, the Director, has sent the RFP Proposals to all of the Review Board and they have diligently been going over all information. The proposal with the most points will be awarded at the next Board Meeting on August 20th. She is also updating our directories.
- Amanda Anthony, the Coordinator, has completed the grants and the EOC is currently figuring up the rest of the year budget.
- Jessica Lockhart, the SPN Coordinator, is working on updating the pet preparedness plan.
- Tim Keith-Lucas, the Operations Chief, is refining our checklists to ensure comprehensive hurricane preparedness, updating our communications plan, and applying for the CERT Grant.
- 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, updating our event schedule, and applying for the CERT Grant.
- Rob Zingarelli, the Lead Radio Operator, is concentrating on the radio wiring setup within the command trailer.
- Robin Daniels, 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.
- Patricia Bludworth, is doing Re-Entry tags at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village.
- 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
Intro to Ham Radio	Speaking Engagement to give beginner information about Ham Radio	August 20, 2024	4PM- 5PM	Margaret Key Library 80 12th Street Apalachicola, FL
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Weather Outlook

	<u>Fri, 16 August</u>	<u>Sat, 17 August</u>	<u>Sun, 18 August</u>	<u>Mon, 19 August</u>	<u>Tues, 20 August</u>
Weather					
	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Scattered Thunderstorms	Sunny
Temp. (F)	75 / 90	77 / 91	79 / 93	75 / 92	75 / 93

EOC Tip of the Week

Having a Plan B when in Tate's Hell

1. Let someone know where you are going and when you are going to return.
2. Carry the most essential rescue items in your kit, a butane lighter. (Starting a small contained fire will help get you rescued.)
3. Protect yourself. Carry water, closed-toe shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen, and a hat.
4. Communicate. Lots of Tate's Hell is outside cell phone coverage, but a satellite communicator, such as those made by Garmin and Save Me Spot, will let you call for help anywhere in the world.



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