

Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

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

Faith Based Groups

Living in a rural county presents its own set of challenges; however, faith-based groups play a pivotal role in reaching and assisting the community in ways that others may not. These organizations often provide essential services, including food drives, clothing donations, and educational programs, ensuring that individuals have access to vital support. They cultivate a sense of belonging and foster a spirit of togetherness, uniting individuals through shared values and objectives. By organizing events and activities, these groups offer opportunities for community members to connect, learn, and grow. Their unwavering dedication and compassion inspire hope and resilience, significantly impacting the lives of many. Through their tireless efforts, faith-based organizations help bridge gaps and build a stronger, more unified community. If your church or Faith based organization would like to be involved with emergency preparedness please send your group name, email, phone number, and address to jlockhart@franklincountyflorida.com.

CERT



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is dedicated to educating and training volunteers in essential disaster preparedness and response skills.

CERT volunteers acquire critical skills, including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster medical operations, and support for professional responders. During all phases of a disaster—before, during, and after—CERT volunteers engage in fundamental response activities, enabling professional responders to focus on more complex tasks. These activities include checking in on neighbors, disseminating information to the public, supporting emergency operations centers, assisting with traffic and crowd management, and recruiting additional volunteers.

What does CERT do? CERT members are trained to collaborate with and support Franklin County Emergency Management. They participate in a variety of incidents and events throughout the County, with tasks varying based on the members' capabilities and comfort levels.

The Franklin County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for volunteers. CERT offers versatile opportunities, including participation in events, EOC activation, and various emergency operations. New members receive basic training and additional training based on interests. Tasks include unloading supplies, search and rescue, and answering phones. Interested individuals can apply or contact Jennifer Daniels at jenniferd@franklincountyflorida.com for more information.



See What We Are Up To


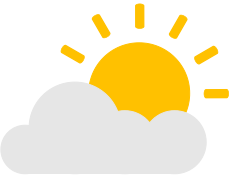



A glance at the projects that each staff member and prominent volunteer is undertaking.

- Jennifer Daniels, the Director, has been working on reimbursement for Hurricane Debby, Hurricane Helene, and also updating our directories; also, she recently attended the FEPA planning committee, to which she is the co-chair.
- Amanda Anthony, the Coordinator, is preparing instructor notes for upcoming classes and updating our Survival Guide.
- Jessica Lockhart, the SPN Coordinator, is working on updating the pet preparedness plan and taking training to further her knowledge about the field of Emergency Management.
- 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, and also currently equipping our Mobile Command Trailer.
- Scott Bush, the Quartermaster, is currently reorganizing the EOC trailers to accommodate a wider array of events, coordinating the organization of the Hangar, and also assisting with equipping our Mobile Command Trailer.
- 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.
- Robin Gibson, our Vehicle Inspector, has been diligently checking and ensuring that our county vehicles are maintained and ready at a moment's notice.
- 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 |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Freedom Festival | A Salute to our Veterans | Saturday Nov 16, 2024 | 10 AM - 4 PM | 8 Airport Road, Apalachicola, FL |
| Thanksgiving | Holiday | Thursday Nov 28 | All Day | - |

Weather Outlook

| | <u>Sat, Nov 16</u> | <u>Sun, Nov 17</u> | <u>Mon, Nov 18</u> | <u>Tues, Nov 19</u> | <u>Wed, Nov 20</u> |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Weather |  |  |  |  |  |
| | Sunny | Mostly Sunny | Partly Cloudy | PM Rain | AM Showers |
| Temp. (F) | 58 / 74 | 61 / 76 | 70 / 77 | 71 / 79 | 50 / 77 |

EOC Tip of the Week

Turkey Frying Safety Tips

In case of a turkey fryer fire, call 911 immediately.

To fry a turkey safely:

- **Location:** Place fryer 25 feet from flammable materials on stable ground.
- **Temperature:** Keep oil at 325°F with a deep-fry thermometer.
- **Oil:** Avoid overfilling; measure oil before heating.
- **Turkey:** Ensure it's fully thawed, dry, and under 14 pounds.
- **Supervision:** Never leave the fryer unattended.
- **Clothing:** Wear protective gear and eye protection.
- **Fire extinguisher:** Keep one nearby; do not use water on oil fires.
- **Clean up:** Keep kids and pets away; oil stays hot for hours.
- **Slow addition:** Lower turkey gently into oil to prevent flare-ups.



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