

Emergency Management

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President Jimmy Carter and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



Jimmy Carter was the 39th President of the United States, serving from 1977 to 1981. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his efforts to promote peaceful resolutions to international conflicts, enhance democracy and human rights, and foster economic and social development. Carter will be remembered for his dedication to service as a Naval officer, governor, diplomat, Nobel laureate, and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, he is recognized as the founder of FEMA, which he established in 1979 to bolster the nation's disaster response capabilities.

President Carter had the vision to understand that the nation needed a unified and coordinated emergency response system. Just as he dedicated his life to serving others, he laid the foundation for future emergency managers committed to prioritizing people.

For nearly 200 years, emergency response and civil defense efforts were integral to the nation; however, these functions were distributed across federal, state, and local governments. Over time, the necessity for improved coordination became evident, leading to numerous calls for a more effective federal response during crises.

In 1978, President Carter's Reorganization Plan No. 3 outlined the creation of FEMA, combining five agencies and functions from the Departments of Defense, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, and General Services into one entity. Executive Order 12127, which took effect on April 1, 1979, formally established the agency, while Executive Order 12148, signed on July 20, 1979, assigned FEMA the dual roles of emergency management and civil defense.

Over the past 44 years, FEMA has worked diligently to refine and implement this vision while addressing the evolving challenges posed by both natural and manmade disasters.

FEMA's mission to assist people before, during, and after disasters stems from President Carter's enduring commitment to service. Public service is one of the highest callings in our country, and President Carter set a benchmark that few can exceed but everyone can aspire to. As we celebrate his life, FEMA will continue to uphold the legacy he established for emergency response and management.

Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

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

Federal Emergency Management Agency



Reflecting on last year's hurricane season and the impact it had on our communities across the state, it's clear that everyone rose to the occasion—from local organizations to state officials and even federal agencies. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supports communities before, during, and after disasters.

Their role is vital in coordinating efforts, ensuring resources are allocated efficiently, and providing guidance and support to those affected. In the aftermath of last year's hurricanes, FEMA's swift action helped many families rebuild their lives more quickly. They deployed emergency response teams, facilitated the distribution of essential supplies, and set up temporary shelters for displaced residents.

Local partnerships proved invaluable, as community leaders collaborated with FEMA to tailor response efforts to the unique needs of each area. This communal approach not only expedited recovery efforts but also strengthened community bonds, fostering strength and preparedness for future events.

Moreover, FEMA's commitment to addressing the needs of vulnerable populations through unbiased practices ensured that no one was left behind. By focusing on climate resilience and preparedness, FEMA consistently evolves and enhances its strategies, assisting communities in confronting the new challenges brought about by shifting weather patterns. As we move forward, the insights gained from previous experiences inform our continuous efforts to create a safe and stronger nation.

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA)



The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) was established in 1956 to assist professional Emergency Managers in safeguarding the residents of Florida. FEPA operates as a private non-profit organization registered with the Florida Department of State and recognized as a 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service. It stands as Florida's leading association for Emergency Managers.

The mission of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association is to create an educational network connecting emergency managers with their counterparts at the federal, state, county, municipal, tribal, volunteer, and private industry levels to address critical emergency management issues.

Their vision is to cultivate a community of Emergency Management professionals across all sectors, encouraging collaboration, learning, and mutual support.

The values upheld by FEPA are both straightforward and precise. Professionalism embodies sound judgment, accountability, and exemplary leadership. Integrity underscores the importance of honesty and ethical conduct in the implementation of emergency management programs. Teamwork promotes mutual support during both favorable and challenging circumstances. Finally, excellence signifies a commitment to delivering outstanding performance while actively pursuing continuous professional development.

See What We Are Up To

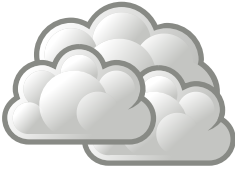




A glance at the projects that each staff member and prominent volunteer is undertaking.

- Jennifer Daniels, the Director, has been working on reimbursement for Hurricane Debby, Hurricane Helene, updating our directories, and getting ready to head to Orlando for our Annual FEPA Conference.
- Amanda Anthony, the Coordinator, is working on updating our finance books and our Survival Guide, and getting ready to head to Orlando for our Annual FEPA Conference.
- Jessica Lockhart, the SPN Coordinator, is trying to coordinate a Contractors meeting for 2025, and taking training to further her knowledge about the field of Emergency Management, and getting ready to head to Orlando for our Annual FEPA Conference.
- Tim Keith-Lucas, the Operations Chief, is refining our checklists to ensure comprehensive hurricane preparedness, equipping our Mobile Command Trailer, and also setting up for Holiday on the Harbor.
- 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 prepping our oncoming class of Certers.
- Rob Zingarelli, the Lead Radio Operator, is concentrating on the radio wiring setup within the command trailer and is doing weekly check-ins with SARNET.
- 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
Oyster Cook Off	Apalachicola Oyster Cook Off	Saturday January 18, 2025	8:00 AM- 5:00 PM	Riverfront Park
MLK Day	Martin Luther King Jr, Day	Monday January 20, 2025	All Day	-
Winter Field Day	Ham Radio on Air Event	January 25 - 26	All Day	-

Weather Outlook

	<u>Sat, Jan 11th</u>	<u>Sun, Jan 12th</u>	<u>Mon, Jan 13th</u>	<u>Tues, Jan 14th</u>	<u>Wed, Jan 15th</u>
Weather					
	Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Rain	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
Temp. (F)	33 / 50	46 / 58	40 / 55	36 / 58	37 / 56

EOC Tip of the Week

Disaster Assistance



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To apply and get answers to your questions, call:

1-800-621-3362

711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

Please have the following available:

- Your address with zip code
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.

Stay in touch with FEMA: When you apply, you will receive a FEMA registration number. Save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA.

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