

Emergency Management

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

EOC News

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Franklin County CERT



Franklin County CERT is just one of the various means to engage with the community during disasters. However, are you aware of what they do when there isn't an emergency? Many of our CERT volunteers dedicate their time each week, or even daily, to assist at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Their efforts help alleviate the workload of staff members, enabling them to focus on more urgent issues.

We are constantly seeking new volunteers to join our incredible team. Unsure about what skills you can contribute? Don't worry; there are numerous opportunities for everyone to get involved. Whether your talents lie in the realms of organization, communication, public outreach, or if you possess a heartfelt desire to assist, your contributions can create profound change. Volunteering not only nurtures our community but also opens doors to acquiring valuable skills, forging new friendships, and discovering a profound sense of fulfillment.

For those interested, we provide all of the training you need, which is designed to equip you for a variety of roles, ensuring you feel both confident and effective in your contributions. By joining the Franklin County CERT, you become part of a dedicated team focused on strengthening our community's resilience and preparedness.

From learning essential emergency response skills to enhancing your abilities and ensuring you are ready for any situation. Our program covers everything from first aid and CPR to communication protocols (even Ham Radio). Participants often find themselves gaining not only practical knowledge but also a deeper appreciation for teamwork and service.

Moreover, CERT volunteers frequently engage in community outreach events, where they help educate the public about disaster preparedness and safety measures. These events are a great platform to share vital information and inspire others to become proactive members of our community.

By choosing to volunteer with us, you not only contribute to the safety and well-being of Franklin County but also join a network of like-minded individuals who share a passion for making a difference. Your engagement is vital in nurturing a spirit of readiness, ensuring that, united, we stand prepared to confront any challenges that may come our way.

To learn more about how you can help and to sign up for our next volunteer orientation, please contact Jessica Lockhart at jessical@franklincountyflorida.com or call 850-653-8977 to get started. Together, we can make a lasting impact and be ready to face any challenges that come our way.

We look forward to welcoming you to our team and embarking on this rewarding journey together.

Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

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

Bob Shattuck



Bob Shattuck is among our latest CERT volunteers. In the last two weeks, he has been in the office assisting us with assembling shelves for our shipping containers. His help has been incredibly valuable, and he isn't the only one contributing. The Richardson's have also joined us by helping assemble lockers and beds. Together, their efforts are preparing us for the upcoming storm season by ensuring everything is organized and has a designated place. We are immensely grateful for the teamwork and dedication shown by all our volunteers. It's this spirit of collaboration and community support that enables us to respond effectively in times of need. We encourage anyone interested in making a difference to consider joining our CERT team. Whether you have a knack for organizing, a passion for helping others, or just some spare time, your contribution can make a significant impact.

A big thank you to Bob, the Richardson's, and all our volunteers for your hard work and commitment to keeping Franklin County safe and prepared. Let's continue to work together to build a resilient and supportive community.

Twitter/X



Exciting news, Franklin County! Franklin County Emergency Management is now on X, previously known as Twitter. We've chosen to broaden our outreach to connect with you! You can follow us at [@FranklinEM3236](https://twitter.com/FranklinEM3236), and don't forget about our Facebook either: <https://www.facebook.com/FranklinEOC>.

Stay informed by following us for the latest updates, safety tips, and community events. Our goal is to enhance communication and ensure everyone in Franklin County is prepared and informed. Whether it's weather alerts, emergency preparedness tips, or volunteer opportunities, we're here to keep you connected and engaged. Join the conversation and be part of our community's resilience. Don't forget to like, share, and engage with our posts! Together, we can make Franklin County safer and stronger.

Camp Gordon Johnston



The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum, located in Carrabelle, Florida, was established to honor and preserve the heritage of the men and women who trained at the camp during WWII. Camp Gordon Johnston opened in 1942 for the sole purpose of training Infantry Divisions and their support units in amphibious operations by U. S. Army Engineer Special Brigades [ESB]. This camp trained a quarter of a million men, closing in June of 1946. Camp Gordon Johnston holds a significant place in our history, and we take pride in honoring the Veterans who served our country with such dedication. We invite you to join us on March 8th, 2025, for the 30th Annual Veterans Parade! Franklin County Emergency Management warmly encourages everyone to come out and participate!

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 our Multi Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), attending trainings, updating our MOU's, and planning 2 exercises.
- Amanda Anthony, the Coordinator, is working on updating our finance books, and planning our Build Your Bucket Event for early May.
- Jessica Lockhart, the SPN Coordinator, has coordinated a Contractors meeting for March 25, 2025, is still taking training to further her knowledge about the field of Emergency Management, and currently planning a POD exercise for early May.
- Tim Keith-Lucas, the Operations Chief, is refining our checklists to ensure comprehensive hurricane preparedness, equipping our Mobile Command Trailer and preparing our MYSP.
- 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.
- 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

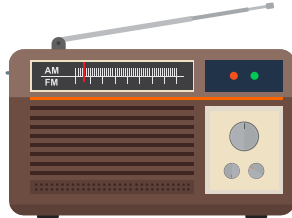
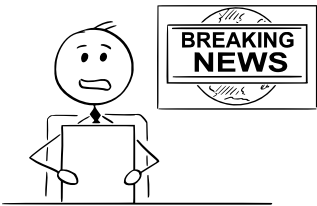
Event	Description	Date	Time	Location
Camp Gordon Johnston Parade	Camp Gordon Johnston Museum's Veteran's Parade	Saturday March 8th, 2025	10:45 AM	Carrabelle, FL
Ham Radio Test	Ham Radio Test @ Wakulla County Library	Thursday March 13, 2025	6:00 PM	Wakulla County Library
Carrabelle Culture Crawl	Culture Crawl	Saturday March 22, 2025	10 AM - 3 PM	Downtown Carrabelle

Weather Outlook

	<u>Sat, March 1</u>	<u>Sun, March 2</u>	<u>Mon, March 3</u>	<u>Tues, March 4</u>	<u>Wed, March 5</u>
Weather					
	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain/Thunder
Temp. (F)	50 / 74	48 / 67	55 / 67	64 / 72	51 / 73

EOC Tip of the Week

Trusted Sources



Make sure you know which source you can trust!!!

- National Weather Service - Tallahassee
- Franklin County Emergency Management
- WOYS - Oyster Radio
- Apalachicola Times
- Any LOCAL news networks
- 88.9 WFSU
- National Hurricane Center



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