



Hurricane Season Preparedness Alachua County Emergency Management

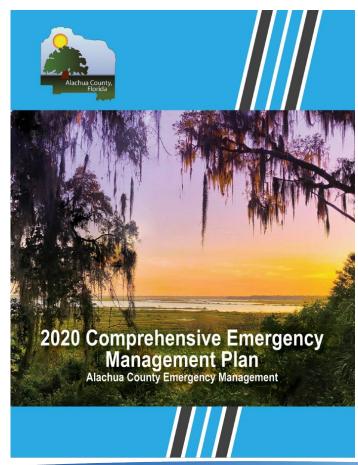
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Agenda

- Government Preparedness
- Personal Preparedness



- All-hazards planning, training, exercises
- Hazards:
 - Flooding
 - Active assailant/Mass casualty
 - Pandemic
 - Tornadoes
 - Wildfires
- Top Hazard:
 - Hurricanes/Tropical cyclones
- EOC Readiness:
 - Testing facility equipment: technology, redundant communications
 - Must be able to activate the EOC within 1 hour of notification of an incident



- Some of the agencies we work with year-round
 - County Manager's Office
 - County Communications Office
 - Fire Rescue
 - Sheriff's Office Combined Communications Center
 - Visitors and Convention Bureau
 - Crisis Center
 - RTS
 - Public Works
 - Purchasing Division
 - Florida Department of Health in Alachua County
 - Sheriff's Office

- Growth Management
- Community Support Services
- Environmental Protection
- Gainesville Regional Utilities
- Human Resources
- Animal Resources and Care
- IFAS Extension Office
- County Attorney
- Critical Facilities
- ITS
- Office of Management and Budget

- Municipalities
- Constitutional Officers
- Special Taxing Districts
- Non-profit organizations
- 8 utility companies
- School Board
- University of Florida
- Santa Fe College

MAC/Policy Group

Health Department Director School Board Superintendent Sheriff

[Incident-Specified Representatives] **Assistant County Managers**

Commission Chair County Attorney

County Communications Director

County Manager County Fire Chief

County Human Resources Director County Public Works Director Deputy County Manager

EOC Director

-County Coordinating Officer

EOC Director's Staff

-Deputy EOC Director

-Public Information Officer

-Jurisdictional Liaison

-Safety Officer

-Emergency Staffing Liaison

-Recovery Liaison

-[Incident-Specified Representatives]

Incident Support Model – Emergency **Support Function Hybrid Organizational** Chart

> Municipalities **Constitutional Officers Special Taxing Districts**

Situational Awareness Section

-Communications (ESF 2)

-Public Information (ESF 14)

-Business, Industry, and Economic

Stabilization (ESF 18)

-311 Critical Information Line

-GIS Specialist

-Situational Awareness Specialist

-Hospital Liaison

-Key Stakeholders/Liaisons

Resource Support Section

-Transportation (ESF 1)

Gainesville Regional Transit System -Public Works (ESF 3)

-Firefighting (ESF 4)

-Resource Support (ESF 7)

-Public Health and Medical (ESF 8)

-Law Enforcement (ESF 16)

-County Staging Area Manager

Planning Support Section

-Information and Planning (ESF 5)

-Mass Care (ESF 6)

-Search and Rescue (ESF 9)

Alachua County Fire Rescue Alachua County Sheriff's Office

-Hazardous Materials and Environmental

Protection (ESF 10)

-Food and Water (ESF 11)

Alachua County Fire Rescue Alachua County Parks and Open Space

-Utilities (ESF 12)

Gainesville Regional Utilities

-Military Affairs (ESF 13)

-Volunteers and Donations (ESF 15)

Alachua County Human Resources
Career Source

Animal Protection and Agriculture (ESF 17)

Alachua County Animal Resources UF/IFAS Alachua County Extension

EOC Support Section

-Center Documentation Specialist

-Center Purchasing Specialist

-Facility Feeding Specialist

-Facility Support Specialist

-IT Support Specialist

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- Alert and Notification
 - AlertAlachua.com
 - Wireless Emergency Alerts
 - Text ALACHUA to 888-777
- Special Needs Registry
- Healthcare Facility Plan Reviews
 - More than 85 facilities
 - Emergency power plans



Shelters

- Yearly walk-throughs
- Mandatory shelter training for all County employees
- In-person hands-on shelter manager training
- Meetings and training with shelter partner agencies:
 - Health Department (Special Needs Shelter lead agency)
 - Law enforcement
 - School board feeding personnel
 - EMS
 - HAM Radio Operators
 - Facility representative (school board or municipality)
 - IT support
 - MV Transportation
 - Shelter Runners
- Retrofit projects:
 - Completed: MLK Center, Sidney Lanier, Alachua County Freedom Center
 - Current Projects: Grace Marketplace



- Know your zone, know your home
 - No evacuation zones in Alachua County
 - Find out if you live in a flood zone
 - Building codes, known vulnerabilities in your home
 - If you feel unsafe in your home, you should evacuate
- Make a plan
 - FLGetAPlan.com: Family, Business, Special Needs
 - Include your family and pet(s) in the plan, let people close to you know what the plan is



- Flood insurance: 1 month grace period
- Trim/cut down problem trees (must determine if permits are needed before cutting)
- Prepare for prolonged power outages
- Secure important documents in waterproof/fireproof container (make copies for your emergency kit); scan documents and store in the cloud

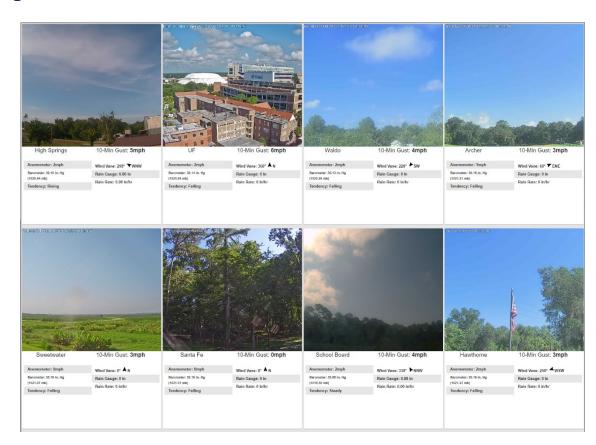
- Make a Kit
 - Important documents
 - Shelf stable food
 - Hygiene items
 - Water
 - At least 1 gal/person/day
 - Factor in cooking, cleaning, pet water into calculations
 - Hold onto gallon jugs or other containers you may have and fill those with tap water before the storm
 - Keep bleach on hand for purification:
 6-8 drops of bleach/gallon

- Sleeping supplies
- Extra clothing
- At least 14 days' worth of medications
- Cash
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Batteries
- Chargers for electronics
- Specific items for babies, children, elderly
- Pet food, medications, crate, other pet supplies
- Additional resources: https://www.ready.gov/kit

- Stay Informed
 - Text ALACHUA to 888-777
 - AlachuaCountyReady.com
 - WeatherSTEM
- Stay Ahead
 - Smart 911







Questions?

