



Hurricane Season Preparedness

Alachua County

Emergency Management

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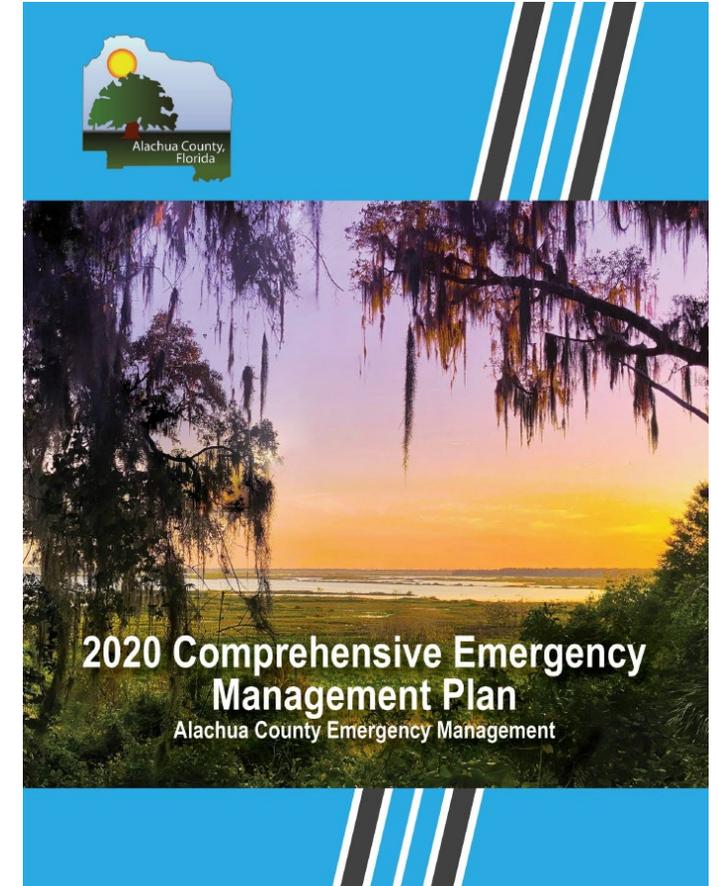
Agenda

- Government Preparedness
- Personal Preparedness



Government Preparedness

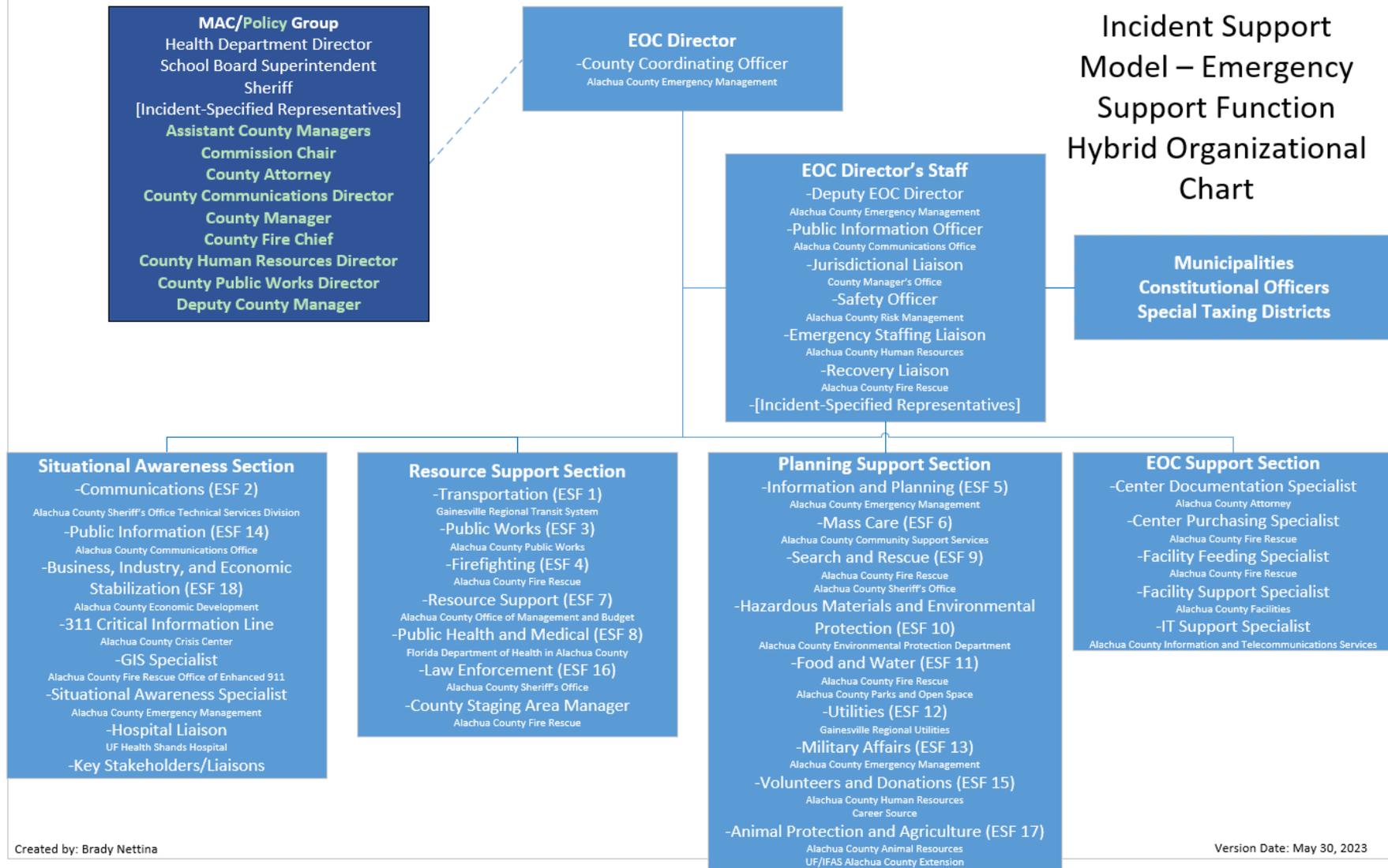
- All-hazards planning, training, exercises
- Hazards:
 - Flooding
 - Active assailant/Mass casualty
 - Pandemic
 - Tornadoes
 - Wildfires
- Top Hazard:
 - Hurricanes/Tropical cyclones
- EOC Readiness:
 - Testing facility equipment: technology, redundant communications
 - Must be able to activate the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



Government Preparedness

- 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

Incident Support Model – Emergency Support Function Hybrid Organizational Chart



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Government Preparedness

- 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



Government Preparedness

- 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



Personal Preparedness

- 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



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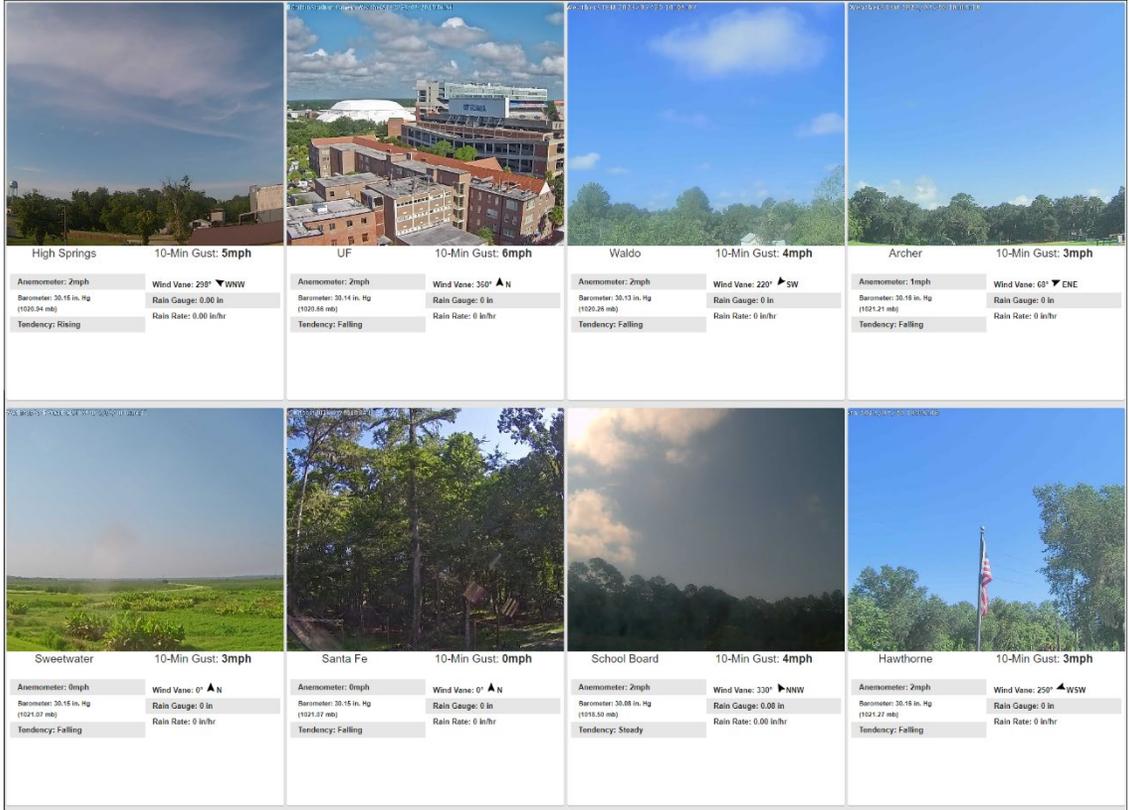
- Flood insurance: 1 month grace period
- Trim/cut down problem trees (must determine if permits are needed before cutting)
- Prepare for prolonged power outages
- Secure important documents in waterproof/fireproof container (make copies for your emergency kit); scan documents and store in the cloud

Personal Preparedness

- 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>

Personal Preparedness

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



Questions?

