



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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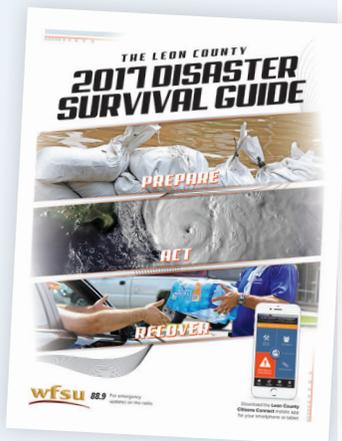
Mission Statement

To protect our community by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Governance

- Expanded opportunities for increased media and citizen outreach via social media and other outreach methods.
- Held training exercises for local and regional emergency responders to build and enhance their emergency response skills.
- Continued to coordinate and grow community preparedness events.
- Distributed the 2017 Disaster Survival Guide, featuring preparedness checklists, hazard information, nonprofit community partners, and public information resources.



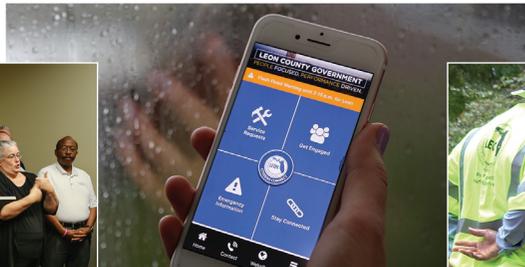
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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

- Leon County Emergency Management coordinated the disaster response and recovery to Hurricane Irma, a major hurricane that brought tropical-storm-force winds to Leon County starting September 10, 2017. Leon County performed the following actions to prepare, act, and recover:
 - » Began tracking Irma's forecasted path on August 30
 - » Activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for 160 hours, which includes 108 hours of continuous activation with 120 personnel from various agencies working around the clock.
 - » Helped coordinate and open 10 risk shelters and one special needs shelter in partnership with the American Red Cross and the Florida Department of Health in Leon County. As a result, Leon County sheltered nearly 3,000 people and over 300 pets with support from the Leon County Animal Control Division.
 - » Answered more than 2,800 calls for information before, during, and after Irma
 - » Distributed 100,000 sand bags
 - » Reached nearly 15,000 Leon County Citizens Connect mobile app downloads, an increase of more than 600 percent
 - » Opened the downtown Leon County Main Library as a comfort station to provide snacks, air conditioning, information access, and recharging stations to citizens
- Implemented 78 out of 80 recommendations from the Hurricane Hermine After Action Report.
- Emergency Management maintains the EOC to plan for and coordinate disaster response activities.
 - » Enhanced the Leon County Citizens Connect Mobile App to include emergency notifications and to integrate with the Emergency Information Portal.
- » The EOC was activated six times during the last year. Two activations coordinated response to hazardous weather incidents and three activations were coordinated for exercises, and for Hurricane Irma.
- » The EOC hosted nine separate training courses for local and regional emergency responders to build and enhance their emergency response skills.
- To ensure Leon County is prepared to address disasters, during this past year, Emergency Management:
 - » Reviewed emergency plans for 36 healthcare facilities.
 - » Hosted the 2017 Hurricane Season Kickoff and Presentation of the redesigned Disaster Survival Guide to emphasize the importance of preparedness for hurricanes and other emergency situations.
 - » Partnered with Leon County Volunteer Services, the American Red Cross, and the City of Tallahassee to host the 2017 Build Your Bucket Event. 500 residents received a free starter disaster supply kit bucket to enhance community disaster preparedness.
 - » Conducted 17 public education and outreach programs for a variety of community groups.
 - » Continuously monitored severe weather situations and coordinated response activities with partner agencies throughout the region.
 - » Disseminated 80 severe weather alerts to emergency response partners.
- The Leon County Enhanced 9-1-1 System received 165,992 calls during this past year. Of these calls 144,431 were from wireless devices, 17,201 were from landline devices, and 4,360 were from VoIP devices.
- Leon County was recognized as a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador™ by the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for its efforts to build a community that is ready, responsive, and resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and water events.

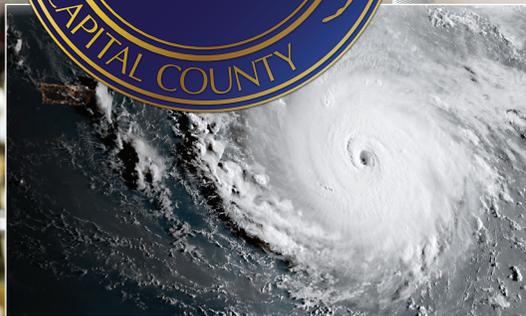
LEON COUNTY'S RESPONSE & RECOVERY



Hurricane Irma



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AROUND THE NATION

Leon County In Northern Florida Monitors Hurricane Irma

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Heard on Morning Edition

Leon County, which includes the capital Tallahassee, is bracing for impact as Hurricane Irma moves north. David Greene talks to Vincent Long, the Leon County administrator, about Irma.

Transcript

DAVID GREENE, HOST:

Let's go farther north in Florida, where Irma is still churning. Vincent Long is on the line, the Leon County administrator. And

To our neighbors around the state, the Florida State University family has each of you in our thoughts and prayers. We hope these donations will help as you deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. As FSU Seminoles, we wish you "Unconquered Spirit" in the days ahead.

The students, faculty and staff of FSU, the Leon County government and the citizens of Tallahassee.