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## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

- Emergency Management maintains the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to plan for and coordinate disaster response activities.
  - » Participated in 20 disaster preparedness educational outreach events.
- The Leon County Enhanced 9-1-1 System received 172,041 calls during this past year. Of these calls, 139,212 were from cellular telephones.
- Emergency Management:
  - » The EOC was activated to coordinate activities during the January 2014 Frozen Precipitation event.
  - » The division activated the EOC in June 2014 for a hurricane simulation exercise to test emergency procedures with response agencies and community disaster relief partners.
- To ensure Leon County is prepared to address disasters, during this past year, Emergency Management:
  - » Reviewed emergency plans for 36 healthcare facilities.
  - » Hosted the 2014 Hurricane Season Kickoff and Presentation of the Annual Hurricane Survival Guide to re-emphasize the importance of hurricane preparedness.
  - » Continuously monitored severe weather situations and coordinated response activities with partner agencies throughout the region.



Emergency Operations Center at the Public Safety Complex

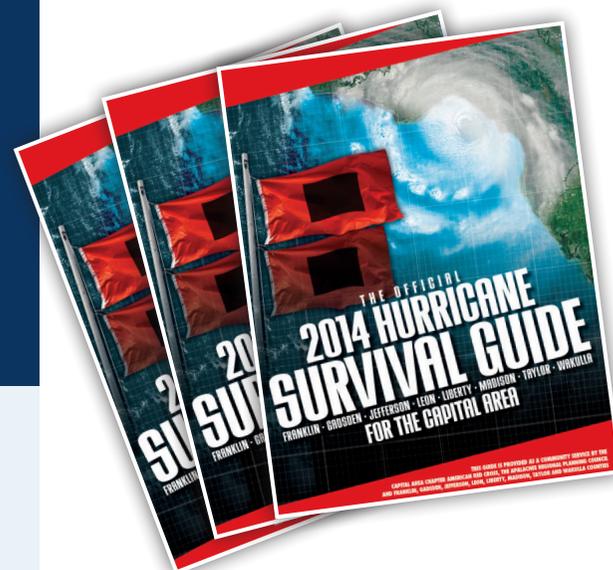
### Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

Leon County was re-certified as a StormReady County by the National Weather Service.



### Did You Know

A 2014 survey found 8 in 10 Americans believe hurricane evacuations are based on wind speeds. The fact is hurricane evacuation zones are defined by the threat of storm surge and inland flooding rather than wind speed or hurricane category because storm surge is the greatest threat to life and property.



When a disaster strikes, it is often difficult for people to know where to turn for the latest news and information. However, residents of Leon County now have the Emergency Information Portal (EIP), which can be found at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/EIP](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/EIP), or by clicking on “Emergency Events” at the top of the County’s main website.

The portal offers a wide array of information about weather disasters and other emergency events and how to prepare for them, including useful tips on preparing and protecting citizens in the event that natural or man-made disasters occur in Leon County.

On the left-hand navigation panel, there are links to resources for preparation, response and recovery information, such as the status of available shelters, sandbag locations, road closures, local office and school closings, health advisories and volunteer information.

Localized information such as rain gauges and how to create individual hurricane plans is also included. The portal is regularly updated with weather alerts, active events and other information valuable in an emergency.

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