



**Franklin County Florida  
Emergency Management  
Department**

**Acronyms and Terms Clarification Annex**

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Acronym	Acronym Clarification / Term
<b>ALS</b>	<b>Advance Life Support (Ambulance)</b>
<p>A level of care provided by pre-hospital emergency medical services. Advanced Life Support consists of invasive life-saving procedures including the placement of advanced airway adjuncts, intravenous infusions, manual defibrillation, electrocardiogram interpretation and much more.</p>	
	<b>Advisory</b>
<p>A National Weather Service message giving storm locations, intensity, movement and precautions to be taken.</p>	
	<b>Base Camp</b>
<p>Is the designated location under local or State control within the disaster area which is equipped to provide sleeping facilities, food, water and sanitary facilities to response personnel.</p>	
<b>BLS</b>	<b>Basic Life Support (Ambulance)</b>
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<b>BOCC</b>	<b>Board of County Commissioners</b>
<p>The county is governed by the Board of County Commissioners.</p>	
	<b>Burn Sites</b>
<p>Open areas identified for the collection and open burning of disaster caused debris.</p>	
	<b>Catastrophic Disaster</b>
<p>A disaster that warrants a massive State and Federal response. A catastrophic disaster will include immediate military involvement.</p>	
	<b>Clearance Time</b>
<p>The clearance time is the mobilization, travel and queuing delay time and is based on the number of people required to evacuate, the number of vehicles which may be used, the suitability of the roads (capacity, elevation, location, etc.) and then any special evacuation considerations such as medical facilities and people with special needs.</p>	



<b>CHHA</b>	<b>Coastal High Hazard Area</b>
As defined in Florida Statutes Chapter 252 is the category hurricane evacuation area.	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>Community Development Block Grant</b>
A program the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development which funds local community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development.	
<b>CEMP</b>	<b>Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan</b>
The purpose of CEMP is to establish uniform policy and procedures for the effective coordination of response to a wide variety of natural and technological disasters.	
<b>COG</b>	<b>Continuity of Government</b>
Is the principle of establishing defined procedures that allow a government to continue its essential operations in case of a disaster.	
<b>CERT</b>	<b>County Emergency Response Team</b>
Agencies and organizations assigned either a lead or support role in the county's CEMP.	
<b>CWP</b>	<b>County Warning Point</b>
Is the location within the county that is operational 24 hours a day, which anyone will contact in case of an emergency.	
	<b>Critical Facility</b>
A structure from which essential services and functions for victim survival, continuation of public safety actions and / or disaster recovery are performed and provided.	
<b>CFI</b>	<b>Critical Facility Inventory</b>
A listing of structures from which essential services and functions for victim survival, continuation of public safety actions and / or disaster recovery are performed and provided.	
<b>DDA</b>	<b>Detailed Damage Assessment</b>



<b>DFO</b>	<b>Disaster Field Office</b>
Is established in or near the diagnosed area to support State and Federal response and recovery operations. The DFO houses the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) and where possible, the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) and support staff.	
<b>DMAT</b>	<b>Disaster Medical Assistance Team</b>
Temporary emergency clinics to provide emergency medical care in the disaster area. The locations are established to supplement the pre-existing medical network.	
<b>DRC</b>	<b>Disaster Recovery Center</b>
Locations set up for victims to apply for State and Federal assistance programs for which they may be eligible. A DRC will not usually provide direct services.	
	<b>EM Constellation</b>
Florida's resource request and mission tracking system.	
<b>EAS</b>	<b>Emergency Alert System</b>
Is the primary relay and notification system for delivering emergency information to residents through the broadcast media.	
<b>EMAC</b>	<b>Emergency Management Assistance Compact</b>
Is an agreement between the State of Florida and other states in the southeast region for disaster mutual aid.	
<b>EMI</b>	<b>Emergency Management Institute</b>
Conducts courses for local and regional public agency emergency managers and interested members of the public, where the courses are intended to improve the level of national emergency responsiveness to all forms of man-made and natural disasters.	
<b>EMS</b>	<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>
Is a service providing out-of-hospital acute care and transport to patients with illnesses and injuries which the patient believes constitutes a medical emergency.	
<b>EOC</b>	<b>Emergency Operations Center</b>
The site from which local governments exercise direction and control during an emergency.	



<b>ESATCOM</b>	<b>Emergency Satellite Communications System</b>
Is the 24 hour dedicated satellite communications link between the State EOC and the 67 counties, 6 local weather forecast offices and 14 key local media outlets.	
<b>ESF</b>	<b>Emergency Support Function</b>
The concept uses a functional approach to group response actions, which are most likely to be needed.	
<b>ESC</b>	<b>Essential Services Center</b>
A single location from which direct assistance is provided to individuals and families in the aftermath of a disaster.	
<b>FCO</b>	<b>Federal Coordinating Officer</b>
The senior federal official appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Stafford Act to coordinate the overall federal response and recovery activities.	
<b>FEMA</b>	<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>
The lead agency for federal emergency management planning and response	
<b>FIRM</b>	<b>Flood Insurance Rate Map</b>
Displays the floodplains in a town or area. Such maps are used in town planning, in the insurance industry, and by individuals who want to avoid moving into a home at risk of flooding or to know how to protect their property.	
<b>FDEM</b>	<b>Florida Division of Emergency Management</b>
Is charged with maintaining a comprehensive statewide program of emergency management. The division is responsible for coordination with efforts of the Federal government with other departments and agencies of state government, with county and municipal governments and school boards and with private agencies that have a role in emergency management.	
	<b>Force Account</b>
County or city labor resources.	
<b>GAR</b>	<b>Governor's Authorized Representative</b>
Is designated as the lead person to represent the Governor in disaster response and recovery.	



<b>Hazard Mitigation</b>
Is the process of potential improvements that would reduce or remove hazard vulnerability.

<b>HMGP</b>	<b>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program</b>
Provides grants to States and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.	

	<b>Hazardous Materials Sites</b>
Sites pre-identified in the county Hazardous Materials Vulnerability Analysis as containing extremely hazardous substances.	

<b>HSEEP</b>	<b>Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program</b>
Is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized methodology and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation and improvement planning.	

	<b>Hurricane</b>
A tropical weather system characterized by pronounced rotary circulation with a constant minimum wind speed of 74 miles per hour (64 knots) that is usually accompanied by rain, thunder and lightening and storm surge. Hurricanes often spawn tornadoes.	

	<b>Hurricane Eye</b>
The circular area of light winds and fair weather at the center of a hurricane. An eye of a hurricane is usually 25 - 30 miles in diameter. The area around the eye is called the wall cloud.	

	<b>Hurricane Landfall</b>
The point and time during which the eye of the hurricane passes over the shoreline. After passage of the calm eye, hurricane winds begin again with the same intensity as before but from the opposite direction.	

	<b>Hurricane Season</b>
The six month period from June 1 through November 30 is considered to be the hurricane season.	

	<b>Hurricane Vulnerability Zone</b>
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Is defined as the category three hurricane evacuation zone.

**Hurricane Warning**

Is issued by the National Hurricane Center about 24 hours before hurricane conditions (winds greater than 74 mph) are expected. If the hurricane path changes quickly, the warning may be issued 10 to 18 hours or less, before the storm makes landfall. A warning will also identify where dangerously high water and waves are forecast even though winds may be less than hurricane force.

**Hurricane Watch**

Issued by the National Hurricane Center when a hurricane threatens, the watch covers a specified area and time period. A hurricane watch indicates hurricane conditions are possible, usually within 24 – 36 hours.

**IC Incident Command**

The individual responsible for implementing ICS during an emergency or disaster.

**ICS Incident Command System**

A standardized on-scene emergency management construct designed to aid in the management of resources during incidents. Consists of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures and communications established for this purpose

**IA Individual Assistance**

May be provided to individuals and private business in the form of grants and low interest loans by the Federal government.

**Information Checkpoints**

Residents and visitors can be directed to get information on the recovery efforts. These may be collocated with distribution points but may also be additional locations to ensure information is accessible.

**LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee**

A committee appointed by the state emergency response commission, as required by SARA Title III, to formulate a comprehensive emergency plan for its jurisdiction.

**LSA Logistical Staging Area**



<b>Major Disaster</b>
A disaster that will likely exceed local capabilities and require a broad range of State and Federal assistance.

<b>Mass Feeding Sites</b>
Temporary locations strategically placed near the disaster area where residents can go for a meal. Food may also be distributed to take home from these locations.

<b>Minor Disaster</b>
A disaster that is likely to be within the response capabilities of local government and to result in only a minimal need for State or Federal assistance.

<b>NFIP</b>	<b>National Flood Insurance Program</b>
Areas designated by the NFIP as being vulnerable to velocity and / or freshwater flooding based on the 100 and 500 year storms.	

<b>NGVD</b>	<b>National Geodetic Vertical Datum</b>
A set of constants specifying the coordinate system used for geodetic control, i.e., for calculating the coordinates of points on the Earth.	

<b>NIMS</b>	<b>National Incident Management System</b>
A national crisis response system that provides a consistent, nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments; the private sector and non-governmental organizations to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity.	

<b>NRF</b>	<b>National Response Framework</b>
Presents the guiding principles that enable all response partners to prepare for and provide a unified national response to disasters and emergencies - from the smallest incident to the largest catastrophe. The framework establishes a comprehensive, national, all-hazards approach to domestic incident response.	

<b>NFRDSTF</b>	<b>North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force</b>
13 counties in North Florida working together in a coordinated capability to prepare, prevent, protect, respond and recover from all hazards through interdisciplinary and interagency consensus and commitment to build and rely on a strong regional collaboration.	



<b>POD</b>	<b>Points of Distribution (Food / Water / Ice / Tarps)</b>
Locations where in-kind donations of food, water and other supplies will be given directly to residents. A POD may be located in parking lots or open fields in the disaster area, as close to victims as possible.	

<b>POD</b>	<b>Point of Dispensing (Health and Medical)</b>
Locations where medical supplies will be given directly to residents.	

<b>PDA</b>	<b>Preliminary Damage Assessment</b>
Begins immediately after disaster impact and determines whether more detailed damage assessments are necessary and identifies those areas where further efforts should be concentrated.	

	<b>Primary Agency</b>
Each ESF is headed by a primary agency which has been selected based on its authorities, resources and capabilities.	

<b>PAP</b>	<b>Public Assistance Program</b>
Is the reimbursement and emergency assistance provided to local and State governments and private non profit entities from the Federal government.	

<b>PIO</b>	<b>Public Information Officer</b>
Coordinates media relations and prepares media releases.	

<b>PSA</b>	<b>Public Service Announcement</b>
A PSA or community service announcement is a non-commercial advertisement typically on radio or television, ostensibly broadcast for the public good.	

<b>SAR</b>	<b>Search and Rescue</b>
An operation mounted by emergency services, often well-trained volunteers, to find someone believed to be in distress, lost, sick or injured either in a remote or difficult to access area.	

	<b>Security Checkpoints</b>
Those locations where all traffic will be stopped to check for identification in order to determine access to the disaster area.	



<b>Shelters</b>	
<p>Temporary emergency shelters activated prior to a disaster impact, operated during the disaster and closed as soon as residents can be returned to their homes or relocated to long term shelter or temporary housing areas.</p>	

<b>SITREP</b>	<b>Situation Report</b>
<p>A summary of events, actions taken and anticipated in response to an emergency. A SITREP will be issued as needed. As a guide, a SITREP should be issued daily during a monitoring activation and at least twice per day during a full activation.</p>	

<b>SLOSH</b>	<b>Sea Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes</b>
<p>The SLOSH model data shows those areas expected to be inundated with salt water flooding during a hurricane. All county evacuation levels are based on storm surge model data.</p>	

<b>SNAPP</b>	<b>Special Needs Assistance Population Program</b>
<p>The program through which persons who need special assistance in times of emergency, are registered, evacuated and sheltered.</p>	

<b>Staging Area</b>	
<p>A location near or in the disaster area where personnel and equipment are assembled to coordinate response within the disaster area.</p>	

<b>SOP</b>	<b>Standard Operating Procedures</b>
<p>Are guidelines developed by agencies as needed to implement their responsibilities under various conditions.</p>	

<b>SART</b>	<b>State Agriculture Response Team</b>
<p>SART is a multi agency coordination group consisting of governmental and community based organizations dedicated to all-hazard disaster preparedness, planning, response and recovery for the animal and agriculture sectors in Florida.</p>	

<b>SERT</b>	<b>State Emergency Response Team</b>
<p>Coordinates State of Florida response and recovery functions.</p>	

<b>SEOC</b>	<b>State Emergency Operations Center</b>
<p>The site from which the State of Florida exercises direction and control during an emergency.</p>	



<b>SWO</b>	<b>State Watch Office</b>
Is the 24 hour answering point in the State EOC for reports of unusual emergencies and / or requests for State assistance.	

<b>SMAA</b>	<b>Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement</b>
Is the primary agreement between counties and the State for providing mutual aid assistance which details request and reimbursement procedures.	

	<b>Storm Surge</b>
A dome of seawater, often 50 miles across, that sweeps across the coastline inundating the land with up to 26 feet of water above normal high tide. The ocean level rises as a hurricane approaches, peaking where the eye strikes land, and gradually subsiding after the hurricane passes. Storm surge, also known as tidal flooding, has historically been responsible for nine out of ten hurricane deaths.	

	<b>Support Agency</b>
Used for one or more ESF based on their resources and capabilities to support the functional area.	

	<b>Temporary Debris Storage Area</b>
Park, open area or landfill space where debris will be held after debris clearance until it can be moved to a landfill, incinerator or other appropriate disposal location.	

	<b>Temporary Housing Areas</b>
Where tents or mobile home units may be set up for residents to live in before they are able to return to their own homes or they find a new home.	

	<b>Tornado</b>
A wind tunnel which may be formed by severe thunderstorms, most frequently in the spring and summer. A tornado can travel for miles along the ground, lift, and suddenly change direction and strike again	

	<b>Tornado Warning</b>
A warning is issued when a tornado funnel is sighted and indicated by radar. You should take shelter immediately. Because tornadoes can form and move quickly, there may not be time for a warning. That is why it is important to stay alert during severe storms.	



**Tornado Watch**

A watch is issued when weather conditions are favorable to the formation of tornadoes, for example during severe thunder storms.

**Traffic Control Points**

Key intersections on the road network where staff may be needed to physically control traffic flow.

**Transportation Bottlenecks**

Those locations identified by transportation planners where traffic backups during evacuation or re-entry are expected to occur.

**Tropical Storm**

An area of low pressure with a definite eye and counter clockwise winds of 39 - 74 mph. A tropical storm may strengthen to hurricane force in a short period of time.

**Tropical Storm Warnings**

Issued by the National Hurricane Center when winds of 55 - 73 mph (48 - 63 knots) are expected. If a hurricane is expected to strike a coastal area, separate tropical storm warnings may precede hurricane warnings.

**VFD****Volunteer Fire Department**

An organization of firefighters who have joined forces to perform fire suppression and other related emergency services for a local jurisdiction.

