

Concept of Operations	Standard Operating Procedures Emergency Notification and Warning
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Lead Agency	Franklin County Emergency Management Department (FCEMD)
Support Agencies	Identified as part of each Disaster Threat Description

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1.0 – Introduction

1.1 – Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a set of guidelines for reporting incidents to local emergency response and emergency management agencies and the SWO¹.

1.2 – Scope

¹ State Watch Office



Each of the county's disaster threats requires a different set of guidelines based on the types of resources that need to be notified and deployed to meet the threat.

1.3 – Assumptions

The county is susceptible to a wide variety of disaster threats requiring an equally wide variety of notifications, warnings and responses.

2.0 – Concept of Operations

2.1 – General

Specific to each identified threat.

2.2 – Organization

Specific to each identified threat.

2.3 – Primary Activities

2.3.1 – Bomb Threat

Threat description: The actual or threatened use of an explosive device.	
Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify as needed.
Emergency Management Department	Notify immediately for all threats.
State Watch Office	Notify for any suspicious device that may contain an explosive, chemical or biological agent.

2.3.2 – Bridge Closure

Threat description: The closure of one or more lanes of the John Gorrie Bridge (Apalachicola to Eastpoint), the Tillie Miller Bridge (Carrabelle) and / or the Bryant Patton Bridge (Eastpoint to St George Island).	
Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.



Emergency Management Department	Notify immediately.
State Watch Office	Notify for incidents involving the blockage or closure of highways, interstates or waterways.

2.3.3 – Chemical Spills / Releases

Threat description: All spills or releases of chemicals that may involve health issues, injuries or fatalities or environmental damage. Examples include: ammonia, chlorine, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, herbicides and / or pesticides.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.
Emergency Management Department	Notify immediately.
State Watch Office	Notify for spills involving all Extremely Hazardous Substances

2.3.4 – Petroleum Based Spill

Threat description: Spills or releases of petroleum-based products such as gasoline, diesel or kerosene.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify immediately for any measurable spill on land or water.
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately for any measurable spill on land or water.
Emergency Management Department	Notify for any spill into a waterway.
State Watch Office	Notify for any spill into a waterway Notify for spills > 25 gallons on land or for spills with the potential for > 25 gallons Notify for spills that may involve health issues, injuries or fatalities; environmental damage; protective actions, evacuations, or sheltering of victims in place.



2.3.5 – Power Outage

Threat description: Loss of power or the threatened loss of power, regardless of cause.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Emergency Management Department	Notify if the loss of power affects multiple households or businesses or has the potential to adversely affect public safety.
State Watch Office	Notify if the power outage affects a large number of residents or businesses or if the outage affects emergency communications capabilities.

2.3.6 – Radiological Incident

Threat description: Any incident involving actual or suspected radiological materials.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.
Emergency Management Department	Notify immediately.
State Watch Office	Notify immediately.
Emergency Medical Services	Notify as needed.

2.3.7 – Search and Rescue (SAR)

Threat description: Missing person(s) requiring the mobilization of a SAR operation on land or water.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Sheriff's Office	Notify immediately.
Emergency Management Department	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify as needed.
State Watch Office	Notify for SAR operations requiring assistance from state agencies.



2.3.8 – Severe Weather – Tornado

Threat description: Severe weather conditions that may pose a threat to life or property. Includes intense thunderstorms, high winds, hail and / or tornadoes.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify as needed.
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify as needed.
Emergency Management Department	Notify for any incident involving possible or confirmed damage to infrastructure or buildings or involving injuries or fatalities or protective actions for the public.
State Watch Office	Notify for any incident involving possible or confirmed damage to infrastructure or buildings or involving injuries or fatalities or protective actions for the public.

2.3.9 – Structure Fire

Threat description: Structure fire affecting one or more structures.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.
Emergency Medical Services	Notify as needed.
State Watch Office	Notify for any incident involving possible or confirmed damage to infrastructure or buildings or involving injuries or fatalities or protective actions for the public.

2.3.10 – Terrorism

Threat description: The actual or threatened use of violence against people or property to further a political or social agenda.

Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify as needed.
Emergency Management Department	Notify immediately.



Emergency Medical Services	Notify as needed.
State Watch Office	Notify for any threat to inflict harm on large numbers of people or damage to infrastructure or for any suspicious device that may contain an explosive, chemical or biological agent.

2.3.11 – Transportation Accident – Major

Threat description: Major transportation accident that involves blockage or closure of highways or navigable waterways.	
Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.
Emergency Medical Services	Notify as needed.
Emergency Management Department	Notify as needed.
State Watch Office	Notify for transportation accident that involves blockage or closure of highways or navigable waterways.

2.3.12 – Wildfire

Threat description: Brush or forest fires.	
Agencies to Notify	Criteria to Notify
Appropriate Volunteer Fire Department	Notify immediately.
Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Notify immediately.
Emergency Management Department	Notify for all brush and forest fires 5 acres in size or greater.
State Watch Office	Notify for all brush and forest fires 10 acres in size or greater.

3.0 – Responsibilities – Lead and Support Agencies

3.1 – Lead Agency



Franklin County Emergency Management Department – Responsible for ensuring appropriate agencies are notified, warned and deployed to meet the county’s various disaster threats.

3.2 – Support Agencies

Identified as part of each disaster threat description.

