

Concept of Operations	Standard Operating Procedures Re-Entry
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Lead Agency	Franklin County Emergency Management Department (FCEMD)
Support Agencies	Apalachicola Police Department (APD) Apalachicola Streets Department (ASD) Carrabelle Police Department (CPD) Carrabelle Streets and Roads Department (CSRD) Franklin County Road Department (FCRD) Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Franklin County United Firefighter Association (FCUFA)

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1.0 – Introduction

1.1 – Purpose

This document describes the procedures that will be followed to guide the re-entry process following a disaster.

1.2 – Scope



Re-entry into the county following a tropical event is an important part of beginning the various activities associated with disaster recovery.

Great care must be taken to provide for a secure, controlled re-entry process which is also effective and efficient.

1.3 – Assumptions

Following the evacuation of the county due to a tropical storm or hurricane county residents along with business and property owners will want to return to the county to survey damage to their home, business and / or property.

Various governmental agencies, community and faith based organizations and for-profit companies will need to gain access back into the county as quickly as possible.

The county has a staged approach for undertaking re-entry operations that will allow appropriate individuals back into the county based upon a number of factors.

2.0 – Concept of Operations

2.1 – General

Re-entry of county residents, emergency workers and construction companies must be coordinated with officials in Gulf, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla Counties and the SEOC¹ in order to minimize confusion and gridlock at re-entry checkpoints.

2.2 – Organization

This activity is part of the Operations Section of the county's EOC². The county's EOC utilizes the ICS³ structure during all activations.

2.3 – Primary Activities

2.3.1 – Protective Actions – Localized Events

If localized flooding is anticipated, agencies can take protective actions prior to the actual event to reduce the potential for public injury and additional property damage.

¹ State Emergency Operations Center

² Emergency Operations Center

³ Incident Command System



As floodwaters rise, the FCSO, APD and CPD in conjunction with the FCRD, ASD and CSRD, should place barricades restricting access to frequently flooded areas.

For other disasters such as tornadoes or hazardous materials incidents, road closures will be dictated by the specifics of the incident.

2.3.2 – Re-Entry Pre-Registration

All county residents along with business and property owners are encouraged to pre-register for a Re-Entry Tag from the FCEMD.

Re-Entry Tag Pre-Registration

Registration can be accomplished between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM Monday through Friday at the office of the FCEMD.

Registration can be accomplished via the internet at the following web site:

Web Site Name	URL
FCEMD	www.franklinemergencymanagement.com

Upon completion of pre-registration individuals will receive a single color coded Re-Entry Tag for their vehicle.

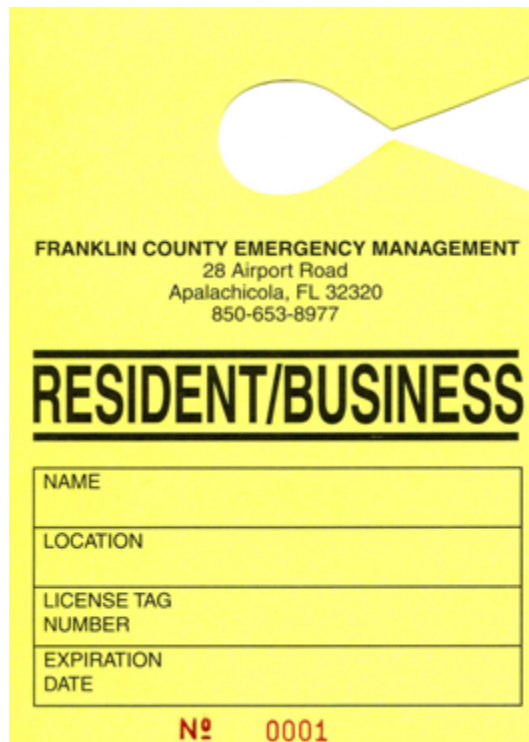
The various colors indicate which portion of the county access will be granted to.

Color Codes

Zone	Location	Color
# 1	Apalachicola	RED
# 2	St George Island	BLUE
# 3	Eastpoint	GREEN
# 4	Carrabelle	YELLOW
# 5	Lanark Village / Alligator Point	ORANGE
# 6	Contractor	WHITE



Sample Re-Entry Tag



Lost Re-Entry Tags

Individuals who have lost their Re-Entry Tag may have it replaced by visiting the office of the FCEMD.

2.3.3 – Evacuation

Evacuation will be carried out in accordance with the Evacuation SOP.

The FCSO, APD and CPD will be responsible for restricting access to vulnerable areas of the county designated for evacuation. Entry into these vulnerable areas will be restricted using manned traffic control points and unmanned barriers.

2.3.4 – Re-Entry Safety

Re-Entry Safety Team

The FCEMD has re-entry safety teams that will be responsible for rapidly entering areas affected by a disaster, evaluating the extent and nature of damage and identifying any



safety risks that may exist. These teams will be comprised of first responders and / or firefighters from the county's VFDs⁴.

Support materials for the re-entry safety teams will be pre-positioned at each of the county's fire stations. This will provide easy access to the materials when needed.

Leaders from each of the re-entry safety teams will be contacted by the county EOC and briefed on their geographic area of responsibility and other vital information.

Safety Assessment

Re-entry safety teams will move into affected areas and identify potential safety hazards. These hazards may include downed power lines, washed out roads and culverts, damaged bridges, hanging limbs and unstable structures.

Re-entry safety teams will contact the county EOC as soon as they have assessed their assigned areas and will provide an overview of conditions in the field and an estimation of the resources needed to mitigate hazardous conditions.

Based on the reports from the re-entry safety teams the FCEMD will make a recommendation to the BOCC⁵ regarding allowing the public to re-enter affected areas.

After a decision is reached by the BOCC, the FCEMD will notify all appropriate agencies regarding re-entry operations.

2.3.5 – Re-Entry Operations

The FCSO in conjunction with the APC, CPD and other mutual aid and / or state law enforcement agencies will establish manned re-entry checkpoints.

Checkpoints

- St Rd 65 at North Rd
- Ct Rd 67 at Gully Branch Rd
- US Hwy 98 at Ct Rd 30-C (West of Apalachicola)
- US Hwy 98 at Walker Bridge (County Line)
- US Hwy 319 at Ochlocknee Bridge (County Line)

Checkpoint Operations

Checkpoints will be staff with law enforcement and non-law enforcement personnel.

⁴ Volunteer Fire Department
⁵ Board of County Commission



Once authorization is given for re-entry to commence vehicles displaying Re-Entry Tags will be given immediate access back into the county.

Re-entry to various portions of the county will depend on the color of the Re-Entry Tag.

Individuals in a vehicle without a Re-Entry Tag will need to show proof of county residency prior to being issued a Re-Entry Tag.

Governmental agencies, utility providers and recognized community and faith based organizations conducting relief and recovery activities within the county will not be required to have a Re-Entry Tag. However these agencies, companies and organizations must display their organizations signage at all times while in the county.

Construction companies wanting to enter the county to provide recovery assistance must register at the checkpoint. Upon registration they will be issued a white Re-Entry Tag identifying the portions of the county they can access.

2.3.6 – Re-Entry Notification

Information regarding re-entry into the county will be disseminated to the public through the county's PIO⁶. Information will be disseminated through available media outlets. Contact information for the media is available in the FCEMD Notification Directory.

Additional means of disseminating information to the public include:

- Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS)
- E-Mails to various businesses, agencies and organizations.

3.0 – Responsibilities – Lead and Support Agencies

3.1 – Lead Agency

Franklin County Emergency Management Department – Is responsible for coordinating the re-entry process with operational assistance from the FCSO, APD and CPD and in conjunction with the FCRD, ASD and CSRD.

3.2 – Support Agencies

Apalachicola Police Department – Responsible for determining the location of barricades restricting public access to areas impacted by a disaster within their jurisdiction. Also responsible for controlling access to areas of their jurisdiction that pose the greatest risk to the public following a disaster.

⁶ Public Information Officer



Apalachicola Streets Department – Responsible for coordinating with APD to restrict access to flooded areas that pose a threat to property and public safety.

Carrabelle Police Department – Responsible for determining the location of barricades restricting public access to areas impacted by a disaster within their jurisdiction. Also responsible for controlling access to areas of their jurisdiction that pose the greatest risk to the public following a disaster.

Carrabelle Streets and Roads Department – Responsible for coordinating with CPD to restrict access to flooded areas that pose a threat to property and public safety.

Franklin County Road Department – Responsible for coordinating with the FCSO to restrict access to flooded portions of the county that pose a threat to property and public safety.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office – Responsible for coordinating with the FCEMD, APD, CPD, FCRD, ASD and CSRD to determine the location of barricades restricting public access to areas of the county impacted by a disaster. The FCSO is also responsible for controlling access to the areas that pose the greatest risk to the public following a disaster.

Franklin County United Firefighter Association – Responsible for providing man power for and coordinating the activities of the re-entry safety teams.

