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## ***EXERCISE ANNOUNCEMENT***



### **Coastal Conflagration An Island Evacuation Tabletop Exercise Franklin County Florida**

**St George Island Florida** – On May 8 2009 at 9:00AM emergency responders along with business, community and governmental leaders from throughout Franklin County will be taking part in an innovative disaster learning opportunity entitled “Coastal Conflagration – An Island Evacuation Tabletop Exercise”.

The scenario for the exercise will be a massive wildfire on St George Island threatening residents, vacationers and structures during a long hot summer holiday weekend.

The purpose of this exercise is to assess the ability of emergency responders to work together using the National Incident Management System to establish a Unified Command in an effort to meet the disaster caused needs of island residents, vacationers and business owners during a significant event such as a large wildfire.

According to Pam Register Franklin County Emergency Management Director “This type of disaster poses a creditable threat to island visitors and residents alike. With this exercise the county will be putting its response organizations through their paces in an effort to assess our strengths and weaknesses.”

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