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## ***PRESS RELEASE***



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

**St George Island Florida** – At 9:00AM Friday May 8 at the St George Island Volunteer Fire Department located at 317 E Pine Ave on St George Island over 30 agencies, organizations and churches will be participating in a unique tabletop exercise entitled “Coastal Conflagration”.

This exercises’ wildfire / mass evacuation scenario has been designed to assess the county’s emergency response capabilities while simultaneously enhancing coordination and cooperation among the various exercise participants.

According to Pam Register, Director Franklin County Emergency Management Department, “One of the major components that will be assessed during the exercise will be the ability to provide warnings and evacuation notification to thousands of residents and vacationers visiting St George Island during a busy summer weekend. “

In addition, the exercise will have participants working through the challenges associated with wildfire suppression, sheltering and feeding thousands of evacuees, reunifying separated family members and much more.

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