



Jackson County Florida

Participant Invitation

You and your organization are cordially invited to participate in the Hurricane Jackson Tabletop Exercise. This powerful learning opportunity is designed to assess the ability of city, county and state agencies, departments and offices to provide essential services in the aftermath of a moderately strong hurricane striking Jackson County.

Exercise Information

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday August 18	9:00AM – 12:00PM CDST	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>On-Site</i></p> <p>Jackson County Emergency Operations Center 2819 Panhandle Road Marianna Florida</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>On-Line</i></p> <p>Using the internet from your office as part of your organizations disaster response / recovery team.</p>

A few of the objectives of the exercise will be:

- Assess Capability to Maintain Essential Services
- Succession of Department Management
- Analysis Data Back-Up Procedures
- Identify Limits of Financial Authority

While many local government agencies, departments and offices have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) few have had an opportunity to exercise them. The Hurricane Jackson Tabletop Exercise is an opportunity for county, city and state officials to put their plans to the test.

Statements made by city and county organizations participating in a recent COOP tabletop exercise held in Florida’s Big Bend Region:

- *“Made us think about what we have in place and what we need to incorporate in our disaster plan that we don’t already have in place.”*
- *“Our plan needs to focus more on chain of command, who can authorize expenditures and how our organization will function if key players are not available.”*
- *“We were made to put on our thinking caps to provide responses to the various injects (questions) presented during the exercise. This helped us to better understand what will be expected of our department after a disaster.”*

With that said the Jackson County Emergency Management Department looks forward to your participation in this powerful disaster learning opportunity.

For additional information and to register to participate please log onto the following web site:

www.drc-group.com/project/jackson.html