

CITY OF KEY WEST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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CITY OF KEY WEST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain and improve the capability to successfully work and coordinate our efforts with our local, state, and federal partners to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all hazards, related emergencies, and disasters within The City of Key West and Monroe County FL.

Emergency Management Purpose

Emergency Management's purpose is to "protect lives, property, and the environment in communities by coordinating and integrating all activities ..to build, sustain, mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters."

- Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA

What is Emergency Management?

It is a partnership with our Local, State, and Federal Allies to share in “[t]he managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.”

*- Federal Emergency
Management Agency, FEMA*

Emergency Management Starts Locally

Local emergencies or disaster events may rise to the level of a Disaster Declaration. The Disaster Declaration process is the formal announcement by a government that an emergency or event exists that requires extraordinary powers, action, support, and resources to take action to protect lives, property, and/or the environment. In most cases the Emergency Management Disaster Declaration process is activated because the emergency or event has or will overwhelm the local government's resources.



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HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF NIMS

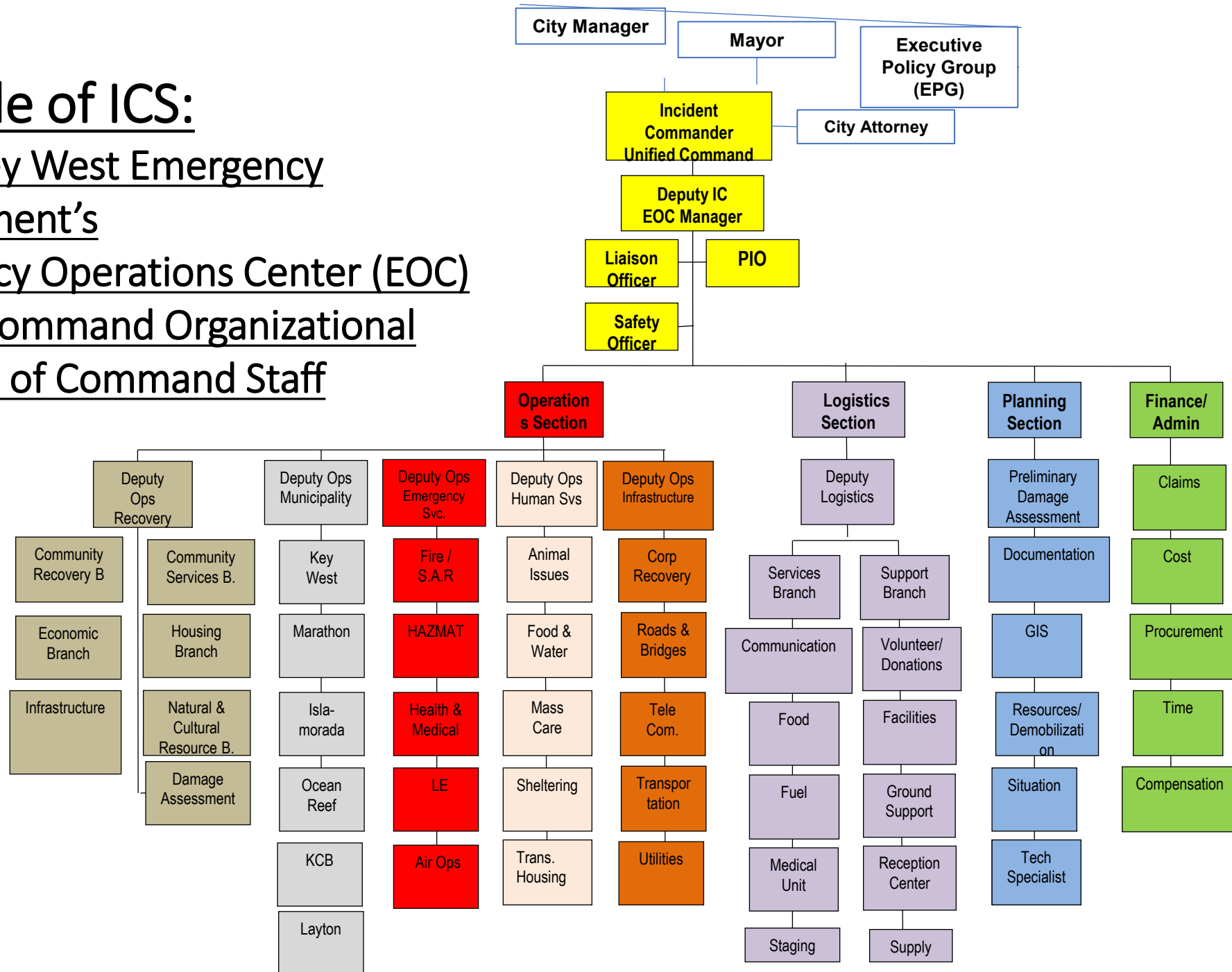
NIMS is the standardized approach to incident management developed by the United States Department of Homeland Security and mandated by FEMA.

This is is the standardized framework to help local governments manage emergency preparedness, communication and information during and after an emergency event.

Example of NIMS: Incident Command System (ICS)

- The City of Key West's Emergency Management team uses the Incident Command System, which standardizes both the management hierarchy and procedures used for managing local emergency events and incidents. The system brings together City, County, State and local partners in a concerted effort to respond to any local emergency event. Key West's EM team's ICS unified command training has prepared us to manage personnel, communication, information, and resources to effectively guide our actions to serve our community.

Example of ICS: City of Key West Emergency Management's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Unified Command Organizational Structure of Command Staff



Example of NIMS is 4 Phases of EM

4 Phases of Emergency Management

Prepare

Getting ready for the next disaster.

Respond

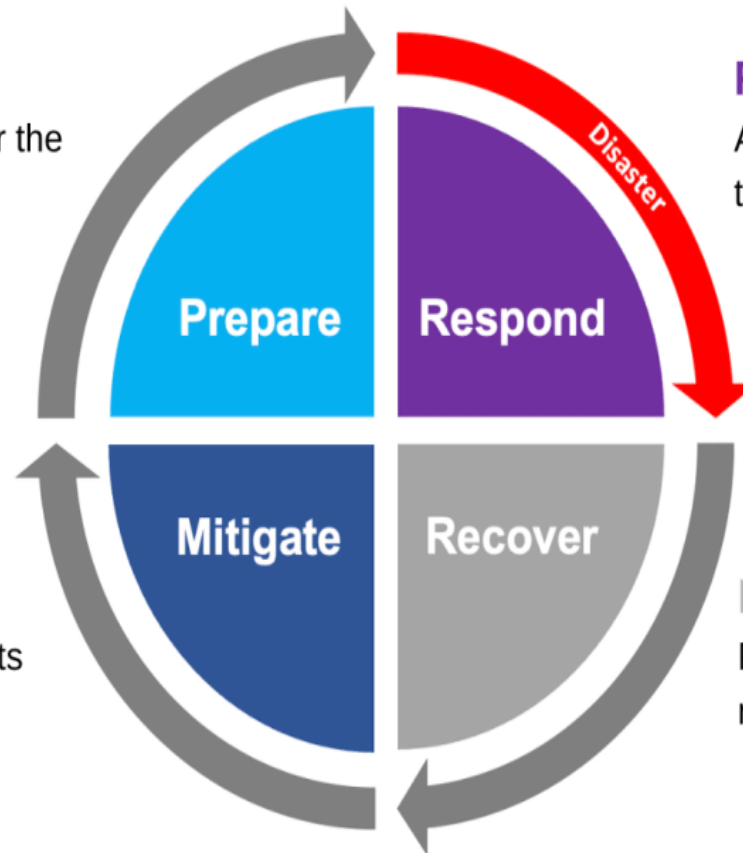
Addressing immediate threats.

Mitigate

Reducing impacts of future threats.

Recover

Rebuilding to be more resilient.



The Elected Officials & Emergency Management Team's Role Before the Storm

- Fully train in the FEMA/ ICS systems
- Encourage all government agencies and business leaders to coordinate and collaborate with our Emergency Management Team to promote a whole community approach to a “Cultural of Preparedness”
- Ensure our citizens’ needs, concerns, and requirements are represented in the emergency operations center
- Encourage our citizens and businesses to develop an emergency hurricane plan and be self-sufficient in the immediate aftermath of a disaster



NOAA Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook for 2025:

* NOAA is forecasting an above-average number of tropical cyclones for 2025

* Specifically, NOAA scientists are forecasting 13-19 total named storms (there are 14 in an average year), 6-10 of those are forecast to become hurricanes (there are 7 in an average year), including 3-5 major hurricanes (there are 3 in an average year).

This outlook does NOT predict hurricane activity for any particular location like the Florida Keys. It only takes ONE storm!

* Hurricane Hazards include: 1) Storm Surge Flooding; 2) Destructive winds; 3) Tornadoes and waterspouts; 4) Rainfall Flooding; and 5) Powerful waves, surf, currents and swift water. These hurricane hazards can disrupt water supply, electricity, refrigeration, cell phone service, internet, gas stations and banking ATMs. So please be prepared by making a hurricane plan that includes a **hurricane disaster kit and an evacuation plan.**

Hurricane preparation Reminders:

* We recommend that our citizens follow trusted sources for weather information like weather.gov and hurricanes.gov.

* We recommend that our citizens follow the advice of Local Emergency Management & Officials. You can sign up for alerts for City of Key West “CivicReady” and Monroe County “AlertMonroe” alerts on their home pages.

Be Hurricane Prepared!

---> Develop an evacuation plan.

---> Assemble a disaster supply kit.

---> Get an insurance checkup.

---> Strengthen your home.

---> Get moving when a storm threatens.

---> Use caution after a storm.

A BOAT IS NO PLACE TO BE IN A HURRICANE: Please do NOT stay on your boat in a tropical storm or hurricane.

City of Key West Elected Officials & EM Team

City of Key West elected officials & EM Team support our Emergency Management before, during, and after emergency events.

To support and promote our Emergency Management Team, we ask that you help promote a “Culture of Preparedness” by highlighting the need to have a hurricane plan.

Hurricane planning is as easy as 1,2,3

1. **Make a hurricane plan:** Prepare your home/boat for hurricane season and have a hurricane evacuation plan.
2. **Build a hurricane supply kit:** Includes food, water, medications, special needs supplies, pet supplies, and important documents.
3. **Stay connected to official local advisories sites:** City of Key West: Civic Ready; and Monroe County Emergency Management: Alert! Monroe. Follow and obey local EM instructions before, during, and after an emergency event.

Before A Severe Weather-Related Event, Emergency, or Hurricane

Encourage individuals, families, and businesses to have their emergency hurricane plan in place.

Build a personal emergency hurricane supply kit that includes food, water, medications, special needs supplies, pet supplies, and important documents.

This emergency hurricane supply kit will help individuals to be self sufficient in the immediate aftermath of an incident, if they become stranded.

STAY CONNECTED TO OFFICIAL INFORMATION SOURCES

- For official hurricane resources and updates throughout the season go to:

Local Information Updates:

- www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov
- www.monroecountyem.com
- www.floridadisaster.org

“CIVIC READY”

Hotline: 305-809-1101

“ALERT! MONROE”

Hotline: 1-800-955-5504

Hotline: 850-815-4000

Reliable Local Weather Updates:

- www.weather.gov
- www.hurricanes.gov
- www.facebook.com/NWSkeywest
- www.x.com/NWSkeywest

Phone: 305-295-1316

For Boaters and Liveboards:

VHF: Always monitor Channel 16

Channels 2 and 5 are activated in an emergency with weather updates

Local Law Enforcement Non-emergency Numbers:

Key West Police Department:

Non-Emergency Phone # 305-809-1111

Monroe County Sheriff's Office:

Non-Emergency Phone #305-289-2351

Hurricane Plans Should Take Place Before an Emergency or a Storm Threatens

It is important for you to know what to do in case of an emergency. Your personal plan of action details who does what, where you go, and what you take along. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

Your hurricane plan should include the following:

- Determine your evacuation's destination (to a relative, friend, motel, hotel, or public shelter).
- Keep your vehicle tuned up: tires, brakes, oil, and keep your vehicle's gas tank full or ½ full during hurricane season
- Plan the quickest and safest route to get to your evacuation's destination. Leave with plenty of time to get to the destination before a storm. Do not travel during a storm.
- Register at your local evacuation shelter.
- Register with the county's special needs shelter for those in your family who need special assistance at the special needs' evacuation shelter.
- If you have a pet, make sure that you check with the county to find out if your pet will be allowed at the shelter. All domestic pets are allowed at Monroe County shelters.
- Review your insurance policies and coverage.
- Take photos and/or video footage of your property. Store this information with your important papers. Make copies of the documents and photographs and leave them with someone you trust.
- Visually inspect your home and property. Make any repairs necessary.

BEFORE-THE-STORM BOATING LIVEBOARD

For our Boating Liveboard community, we ask that you help promote a “Culture of Preparedness” by supporting and promoting Boating Liveboard Hurricane Plans.

Make a Boating Liveboard hurricane plan: Liveboard residents need to stay closely tuned in to official local warnings and advisories including notices posted by the our dockmasters.

They should have contingency plans for evacuation in the event that the U.S. Coast Guard sets a state of the Port of Key West that would prohibit transit.

Key preparations include charging batteries, ensuring bilge pumps are functional, and securing all lines and loose items. It’s critical that our Liveboards stay abreast of changing weather, weather notifications, and warnings from the NOAA National Weather Service Key West and the US Coast Guard.

**DO NOT STAY ON A BOAT DURING HAZARDOUS WEATHER EVENT OR A HURRICANE.
BOATING LIVEBOARDS, SEEK SHELTER.**

Stay Connected For Official Local Current Weather Update

The City of Key West Emergency Management Team works and coordinates closely with Monroe County Emergency Management and the NOAA National Weather Service Key West in monitoring hazardous weather events.

Official Local Weather Update Sites:

NOAA / NWS Key West

Phone: 305-295-1316

- www.weather.gov
- www.hurricanes.gov
- www.facebook.com/NWSkeywest
- x.com/NWSkeywest

Boaters & Liveboards VHF Channel 16, channels 2 & 5 activate in an emergency

www.monroecountyem.com “ALERT! MONROE”

Hotline: 1-800-955-5504

PRE-STORM LIVEABOARD BOATING VESSEL PREPARATION

A storm can bring hazardous and dangerous risks to liveaboards and their boating vessel. It is best to know the ropes before a storm threatens Monroe County. It is important to know how to properly tie down a boat in the water or on land to prevent damage to property. If able, it is always best to evacuate early with your boat if an evacuation is called.

Hazardous and dangerous concerns come from wind, waves, storm surge, and excessive rainfall. You will want to consider securing your boat onshore if it's a smaller boat or has a low freeboard. Strapping a boat down to concrete can help with winds and storm surge.

Make sure your boating vessel's insurance is up to date.

BOATING LIVEABOARDS, SEEK SHELTER

NEVER TRY TO RIDE A STORM OUT ON YOUR BOATING VESSEL.



Before An Emergency Hurricane Know Where Your Shelters Are for Monroe County, FL.

In-County Shelters: General Population

- City of Key West: Key West High School
- Lower Keys: Sugarloaf School
- Middle Keys: Marathon High School
- Upper Keys: Coral Shores High School

Out-of-County Shelters: General Population

- FIU (Special Needs) & E Darwin Fuchs Pavilion
Miami Fairgrounds
- ALL Shelters are Pet Friendly
- Pre-registration required for Special Needs!
- Visit www.monroecountyem.com to sign up

Create an Emergency Supply Kit

After a major emergency event or disaster, the usual services we take for granted—such as running water, electricity, refrigeration, cell phone service, Internet, operating gas stations and ATMs—may be unavailable.

Emergency Management recommends that you should be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of three days. But with the island geography of the Keys, residents should plan on being self-sufficient for a week. Store your household disaster kit in an easily accessible location. Put contents in a large, watertight container you can move easily. A large plastic container with a lid and wheels works well.

A Basic Emergency Supply Kit Should Include:

- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food in cans or sealed containers (for 5 to 7 days)
- Manual can opener and other cooking supplies
- Plates, utensils and other feeding supplies
- First-Aid kit and instructions
- Prescription medicines (have a 2-week supply on hand) and or special needs items (for baby, sick, or elderly)
- A copy of important documents and phone numbers
- Emergency cash in small denominations
- Heavy work gloves
- Water purifying kit
- Matches and lighters
- A camping stove and/or grill with fuel, canned heat and/or charcoal bricks
- Fire extinguisher and a box of baking soda
- Personal hygiene items including toilet paper, feminine supplies, hand sanitizer, and soap
- Plastic sheeting, duct tape and utility knife for covering broken windows
- Small hand tools, construction tools, yard/tree cleanup tools
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Large heavy duty plastic bags and a plastic bucket for waste and sanitation
- Battery-operated radio, NOAA weather radio
- Cell phone with a portable charger
- Sunscreen and bug/mosquito spray
- Water and supplies for your pets

The Elected Officials and EM Team Member's Role After the Storm

Recovery

Recovery Activities taken to return to a normal or safer situation following a disaster is a whole community approach managed by our City's Emergency Management Team.

Your Role during Recovery

- **First, know the process for estimating the damage your community has sustained after a disaster. Report damages to the City's Preliminary Damage Assessment Team**
- **Additional recovery resources flow through the Disaster Declaration process to & from the City, County, State, and Federal partners**



City of Key West Residential Re-Entry Stickers

**CITY OF
KEY WEST
HURRICANE
RE-ENTRY**

For Key West Residents, the RE-Entry stickers are White with Red Letters and can be picked up at the following location:

**City of Key West City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West, FL. 33040**

**Monroe County Tax
Collector's Office
1200 Truman Ave.
Key West, FL. 33040**

**City of Key West Fire Department
1600 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, FL. 33040**

**City of Key West Police
Department
1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, FL. 33040**

REMAIN FLEXIBLE

We understand that every emergency response will be different and unique, and each emergency response will pose challenges.

Your Emergency Management Team wants to assure you that when these challenges do arise during our response, we will remain disciplined in our training, established standards, and management procedures, but also flexible to meet the complexity and demands of our incident response to any disaster emergency event.

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