Our Team

State Meteorologists

The State Meteorologists, housed in the SWO, serve as liaisons between the meteorological community and local/state agencies and supply daily, weekly, and special products.

Regional Coordinators

The Regional Coordinators are the Division’s liaisons to the local governments and communities.

Our Partners

Florida Fusion Center

The SWO shares information on Incidents with the Fusion Center for their analysis and further investigation and dissemination if deemed necessary.

Emergency Support Functions (ESF)

The ESF is a mechanism that consolidates multiple agencies that perform similar or like functions into a single, cohesive unit to allow for the better management of emergency response functions. Each agency is represented by 2 Emergency Coordinating Officers (ECO’s) for day to day and emergency notifications.

Our Emergency Support Functions

ESF 1: Transportation (DOT)
ESF 2: Communications (DMS)
ESF 3: Public Works (DOT)
ESF 4: Firefighting (DFS)
ESF 5: Info and Planning (DEM)
ESF 6: Mass Care (DBPR)
ESF 8: Health and Medical (DOH)
ESF 9: Urban Search and Rescue (DFS)
ESF 10 Hazardous Materials (DEP)
ESF 11: Food and Water (DACS)
ESF 12: Energy (PSC)
ESF 13: Military Support (DMA)
ESF 14: Public Information (DEM)
EEF 15: Volunteers and Donations (FCCS)
ESF 16: Law Enforcement (FDLE)
ESF 17: Animal Protection and Agriculture (DOACS)
ESF 18: Business and Economic Stabilization (FRF)

Florida Division of Emergency Management

“Failure is not an Option”
Our Mission

Our mission at the State Watch Office (SWO) also known as the State Warning Point (SWP) is to provide members of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) and employees of the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) with accurate and timely information related to ongoing or impending hazardous situations that could affect Florida and its citizens.

We also serve as the contact point in Florida for communications between local governments and emergency agencies, State government agencies and the Federal government. Our responsibility also includes monitoring and collecting open source intelligence on any possible hazards throughout the State.

Activation

The State Watch Office is capable of handling the response to small incidents without the need to activate the entire EOC. When the SEOC is activated, the SWO continues to receive “blue sky” incidents as well as receive activation specific information.

Reportable Incidents

- Aircraft Incidents
- Animal/Agriculture Issues
- Bomb/Threat or Device
- Civil Disturbance
- Criminal Activity
- Dam Failure
- Energy Emergency
- Environmental Crime
- Wildfire
- Major Structure Fire
- Hazardous Materials
- Cape Canaveral Launch
- Migration Incidents
- Public Safety Officer Injuries/Death
- Nuclear Power Plants
- Petroleum Spills
- Railroad
- Search and Rescue ELT
- Suspicious Activity
- Severe Weather
- Sinkhole
- Tomahawk Missile Launch
- Major Road or Bridge Closure/Accident
- Wastewater Spills
- Chemical/Biological/Radiological

The State Watch Office (SWO) uses multiple redundant terrestrial and satellite systems for uninterrupted voice and data communications including Mobile Satellite Radio (MSAT), Critical Infrastructure Warning Information Network (CWIN), Nuclear Power Plant Hot Ring Down Phones, Emergency Management Network (EMNET), and the State Law Enforcement Radio System Radio (SLERS).

Communication

The Incident Tracker is a web based information log with mapping and notification capabilities. The SWO uses it to track day to day incidents and share information. For access to tracker contact the SWO at 800-320-0519 or swp@em.myflorida.com

Geospatial Assessment Tool for Operations and Response (GATOR) is an interactive web mapping tool for the display of geographic information to support emergency preparedness, operations, and response. Real-time data like weather radar, weather watches and warnings, and tropical storm tracks are displayed along with base map data like roads, facilities, wildfires and aerial photographs.