



What is FEPA?

Your Role in Florida's Premier Disaster Preparedness Organization



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FEPA History

- FEPA was created in 1956 to help professional emergency managers protect the people of Florida
- FEPA is a private non-profit corporation registered with the Florida Department of State designated with the IRS as a 501(c)(3)
- Florida's Premier Association of Emergency Managers
- Consists of more than 600 Emergency Management Practitioners
- Membership include local, regional, State, Federal, Tribal
- Representatives from Private, Private Non-Profit, Tribal, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations



FEPA Governance

- Governed by Board of Directors
- Elected Officers
 - President: Mary Blakeney, Palm Beach County
 - Vice President: John Scott, Brevard County
 - Secretary: Kelly Wilson, St. Johns County
 - Treasurer: Jonathan Lord, Flagler County
- Representations from all seven (7) Areas
 - Area Governors/Alternate Area Governors
- Parliamentarian
- Past President



FEPA's Purpose

Purpose

- To promote a professional emergency management organization comprised of all disciplines of emergency management.
- To develop, promote and conduct educational programs including workshops, seminars and conferences in the field of emergency management.
 - To promote and enhance the effective management and operation of professional emergency management offices and services throughout the State of Florida.
- To study, research, collect, compile and disseminate information about effective emergency management and related functions to federal, state and local governments, and other entities throughout the State of Florida.



FEPA's Purpose (continued)

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- To monitor and educate during the legislative process and the decision-making processes of the state regulatory agencies as relates to the interests of the membership, and to keep the membership informed of same.
- To study, research, collect, compile and disseminate information about effective emergency management and related functions to federal, state and local governments, and other entities throughout the State of Florida.
- To offer a certification program to the membership and the State of Florida Emergency Management community to raise and maintain professional standards, certifying experience, achievements, and contributions within the emergency management profession.



What FEPA is.....

- Policy Analysis
- Information Sharing/Technical Assistance
- Training and Education
- Certification
- Professional Development





FEPA Benefits of Membership

- Policy
 - Monitor State/Federal Legislation and Regulations
 - Representation on State Boards/Commissions
- Information Sharing/Technical Assistance
 - Website (www.fepa.org)
 - Quarterly Newsletter – *FEPA Alert*
 - FEPA List Serve
 - FEPA Mid Year Work Session
 - Liaison to Allied Agencies and Organizations
 - Committees/Working Groups – Subject Matter Experts



FEPA Website

FEPA

HOME

ABOUT US

CERTIFICATION

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER'S ONLY



WE ARE
FEPA

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association

ABOUT FEPA

BECOME A MEMBER

MEMBER LOGIN

www.fepa.org





FEPA Benefits of Membership (continued)

- Training and Professional Development
 - FEPA Annual Meeting
 - FEPA Co-Sponsor – Governor’s Hurricane Conference
 - FEPA Emergency Management Academies (Intermediate and Advanced)
 - DEM Current Issues in EM (CIEM) Participation
 - FEPA Florida County Emergency Management Director/Key Staff Training Course





FEPA Benefits of Membership (continued)

- Certification

- Florida Professional Emergency Manager (FPEM)
- Florida Associate Emergency Manager (FAEM)
- Florida Volunteer Emergency Manager (FVEM)
- Instructor Certification
- Healthcare Certification
- Accreditation and National Standards
- FEPA EMAP Working Group

- Professional Development

- Collaboration Opportunities
- Mentoring Opportunities





How You Can Help FEPA

FEPA Committees

- Annual Meeting
- Certification Commission
- Higher Education
- Membership and Awards
- Nominating
- Policy
- Resolution and By-Laws
- Strategic Planning
- Technology
- Training and Professional Development

FEPA Working Groups

- Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP)
- Health Care
- Mass Care
- Mitigation
- Radiological Emergency Preparedness
- WebEOC





Who we look at to help FEPA

FEPA Affiliations (Partnerships):

- Florida Association of Counties
- Florida City/County Manager Association
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
- Florida Fire Chiefs Association
- Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference (Co-Sponsor)
- Florida League of Cities
- Florida School Boards/Superintendents Association
- Florida Sheriff's Association
- Florida Small County Coalition
- Florida Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- National Association of Emergency Managers



FEPA Partnerships

- Important for:
 - Information exchange
 - Communication on shared issues/concerns
 - Act together on shared policy concerns
 - Share in exercises and training
 - “Blue sky” partnerships create needed synergy in disaster



FEPA Going forward

Q: How can you assist with improving the Association?



A: Get involved with the Association



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Who FEPA is....

We are FEPA!

The POWER of our Association is within our
PEOPLE!

Please visit our website www.fepa.org for additional information.

