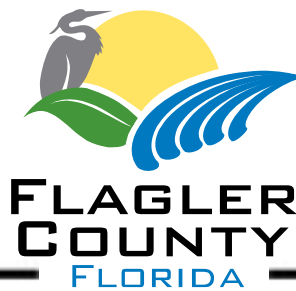


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## New Emergency Management chief to start January 8

**January 3, 2018** – Flagler County has hired an Emergency Management chief who will begin his work with the county on Monday.

Jonathan Lord, the current deputy director for the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management, recently accepted the position with Flagler County. His start date is January 8.

Lord will be moving to Flagler County from Tallahassee with his wife and school-aged son.

“I am excited about becoming part of a tight-knit community,” Lord said.

Before going to work for the state Department of Emergency management mid-2015, Lord worked for Miami-Dade County as the Emergency Management Deputy Director where he worked since 2009.

Lord has worked in Emergency Management in Florida within governmental agencies since January 2004 when he moved here from New Jersey. He has served on the Board of Directors of the statewide emergency managers association – Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) – for more than three years.

Hurricanes Irma, Hermine, and Matthew – as well as recent wildfires – sparked an interest in Lord to return to local government.

“(I) realize that my passion for public safety and emergency management truly is at the local level,” he said in his cover letter to Flagler County.

Lord has a Bachelors of Science degree in Emergency Medical Services from Hahnemann University which is now part of Drexel University in Philadelphia. He is a Florida Professional Emergency Manager, and holds a Department of Homeland Security Secret Clearance.

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“We are thrilled to have Jonathan Lord join our staff,” said County Administrator Craig Coffey. “He well-qualified and has breadth of experience we are looking for in our Emergency Management Chief.”

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