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Flagler County focuses on preparation, communication this hurricane season

May 30, 2018 – Flagler County Emergency Management officials are focusing on preparation and communication as its main message for the 2018 hurricane season.

“We always focus on preparation and communication,” Emergency Management Chief Jonathan Lord told a group of reporters Tuesday at meeting about the upcoming storm season.

He continued to explain the goal of Flagler County is to get the collective thinking of community to the point where emergency preparations aren’t just about hurricanes.

Residents are encouraged to have a kit on hand for any emergency that may occur – whether countywide or localized to single residence – that includes enough personal supplies for five to seven days. “Kits” should contain the following: water, food, clothing, shoes, bedding, First Aid, medications, toiletries, flashlight, batteries, radio, cash, keys, emergency contact information, books and games, pet care, special needs, chargers, and a personal disaster plan.

Flagler County was hard hit by hurricanes Matthew and Irma within 11 months after several years without a countywide emergency event. The after-action report from [Hurricane Irma](#) built upon the comments from [Hurricane Matthew](#) with one exception.

“I believe the lessons we have learned will allow us to do a better job during post-storm recovery efforts at tracking the needs and assistance of individual homeowners,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “We are always looking for ways to do a better job serving our residents, which I believe will multiply the efforts of our staff and volunteers.”

For more information about emergency preparedness, go to www.flaglercounty.org/emergency.

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