

CITY OF KEY WEST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet, blue oceans, green landmasses, and white clouds. The text is overlaid on this background.

Emergency Management...

Partnership is the Key!

“...protects 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)*

CITY OF KEY WEST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain and furthermore improve the capability to successfully work together to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all hazards related to emergencies and disasters within the City of Key West and Monroe County, FL.

Emergency Management.....

The Four Phases



Weather-Related Incidents & Hurricanes

Although there are many different incident types to which our Emergency Management Team responds, this presentation will focus on

“weather-related incidents and hurricanes”

HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF NIMS

[National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#)

In the 2005 resolution (#05-011), the City of Key West adopted the [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#) under the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 to manage “Domestic Incidents” by utilizing NIMS. NIMS guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from incidents.

What is the disaster declaration process?



It starts locally.....



Declaration of State of Local Emergency

When preparing for a natural disaster incident, our Emergency Management Team in Key West works in partnership with Monroe County and the State of Florida by implementing the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS is a set of pre-established standards and procedures that help us manage our response to a natural disaster incident in relation to utilizing funds, personnel, facilities, equipment, and communications to effectively accomplish our incident response objectives.

REMAIN FLEXIBLE

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

We want to assure you that when these challenges do arise during our response, we will remain disciplined in our pre-established plan, standards, and management procedures, **but also flexible** in order to meet the complexity and demands of the incident.

Before Hurricane Season

I have spoken with all the City's hurricane vendors, reviewed their contracts, and confirmed their contacts' names and numbers. Our vendors assured me that they are ready to respond when we need them.

We participated in Monroe County's Emergency Management 2023 Hurricane Exercise. During this exercise, we confirmed our partners contacts' names and numbers.

We also tested our WebEOC—that is, our web-based emergency management information system used by Monroe County Emergency Management to document emergency incidents. It is also used to request and track resources, as well as track real-time crises management of incidents.

Better Communications Capability

- We have purchased 4 new SAT Phones. These new SATs do not rely on land-based cell towers, but 66 space-based satellites. These satellites orbit at a lower level and have overlapping coverage. Basically, with the old SAT phones we had to move toward the area of satellite coverage; on the other hand, with our new SAT phones the satellite moves to us.
- I have met with representatives from AT&T, and they have assured me that they have made technology upgrades to their communications and hardened their communication infrastructure.
- Our PIO is planning on staging on the mainland during more severe hurricanes to deliver official notifications to our citizens in and out of the county.

City Staff Brief Overview

- On June 1st, I met with Our Emergency Management Team—including Mr. Childress and City Department Directors—to ensure that our City employees, City facilities, and City resources are prepared for hurricane season.
- At this meeting, we set City Hurricane Season Condition 4.
 - Condition 4: Directors have briefed their staff on their department's hurricane plan and prepared City property for hurricane season.

City of Key West Elected Officials

City of Key West elected officials can support our Emergency Management Team during hurricane season in these ways:

Before a storm, promote a “Culture of Preparedness”

During a storm, don't take any chances! Stay connected & comply with Emergency Management's Weather-Related Advisories and Warnings.

After a storm, when conditions are stable and safe to do so, begin recovery.

Before Weather-Related Incidents or Hurricanes

We ask that you help cultivate a “Culture of Preparedness” by supporting and promoting our Monroe County Hurricane Plan. Educate your constituents about what you know about hurricane season and share their needs with the City Manager / Emergency Management

Hurricane Plan is Easy as 1,2,3

1. **Make a Hurricane Plan:** Prepare your business, home, and boat for hurricane season—including documentation and photos of property (interior & exterior) — “Have A Hurricane Evacuation Plan.”
2. **Build a Hurricane Supply Kit:** Include Food, Water, Medications, Special Needs Supplies, Pet Supplies and Important Documents.

3. **Stay Connected to Official Local Advisory Sites & Register with:**

City of Key West: Civic Ready

Monroe County Emergency Management: Alert! Monroe.

NOAA / National Weather Service Key West

Web: <https://www.weather.gov/key>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSKeyWest>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/NWSKeyWest>

CITY OF KEY WEST RESIDENTIAL RE-ENTRY STICKER

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

KEY WEST, FL. -

FOR KEY WEST RESIDENTS, THE WHITE WITH RED LETTERS

"CITY OF KEY WEST HURRICANE RE-ENTRY"

STICKER IS YOUR MONROE COUNTY, FL. HURRICANE RE-ENTRY STICKER.

WHERE TO GET CITY OF KEY WEST RE-ENTRY STICKERS –

MONROE COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS

1200 TRUMAN AVE.

KEY WEST, FL.

CITY OF KEY WEST CITY HALL

1300 WHITE STREET

KEY WEST, FL.

KEY WEST FIRE DEPT.

1600 N. ROOSEVELT BLVD.

KEY WEST, FL.

Residential Re-Entry



- One sticker for each registered vehicle
- Proof of residency: Florida driver's license and vehicle registration, or property tax bill and out-of-county registration for out-of-county residents.
- These same documents will allow residents through a checkpoint.



Dark Pink:

- Lower Keys Residents, South of the 7-Mile Bridge to Stock Island
- MM 40-14

Monroe County Tax Collector
1200 Truman Ave.
Key West, FL.

Evacuation

For Tropical Storms

- Voluntary Evacuation for Tourists, Campers & Visitors
- In County Special Needs Shelters MAY be open
- In County Resident Shelters MAY be open



For Category 1 & 2

- Mandatory Evacuation for Tourists, Campers & Visitors
- Voluntary Evacuation for Residents
- Out-of-County Special Needs Shelters – OPEN
In County Resident Shelters – OPEN
- **A Strong Cat 2 may elevate protective actions**

For Category 3 and above

- Mandatory Out-of-County Evacuations for Everyone
- Out-of-County Shelters - OPEN

Shelter

In-County Shelters-General Population

- Key West High School
- Sugarloaf School
- Marathon High School
- Coral Shores High School



Out-of-County Shelters-General Population

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

During a Weather-Related Incident or Hurricane

Don't take any chances! Stay Connected and Comply with Emergency Management's Weather-Related Advisories and Warnings.

Make sure that you and your family are in a safe and secure hurricane shelter to weather the storm.

Stay Connected to Official Local Advisory Sites & Register with:

City of Key West: Civic Ready

Monroe County Emergency Management: Alert! Monroe.

NOAA / National Weather Service Key West

Web: <https://www.weather.gov/key>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSKeyWest>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/NWSKeyWest>

After a Weather-Related Incident or Hurricane

After a storm, when incident is stable and safe to do so, begin recovery:

- Begin the process of estimating the damage your community has sustained by deploying Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Teams. Ensure that the City documents the damages sustained for Federal and State reimbursement. Encourage your constituents to document their damages with photos and documentation of their damaged property.
 - Ensure that the Mayor has executed the declaration that indicates that the cost of response efforts and damage to residents is beyond State and local recovery capabilities following the Governor's request for a major-disaster or emergency declaration .
- Local officials should ensure that the City's Damage Assessment Response Teams are made aware of all the damage in their jurisdiction and damage they have sustained.

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City of Key West Emergency Operations Center Organization

COMMAND STAFF

City Executive Official / Executive Policy Group

PLANNING SECTION

OPERATIONS SECTION

LOGISTICS SECTION

FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION SECTION

RECOVERY SECTION

