



DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

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Agency Responsibilities

The mission of the Division of Emergency Management is to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate against their impacts.

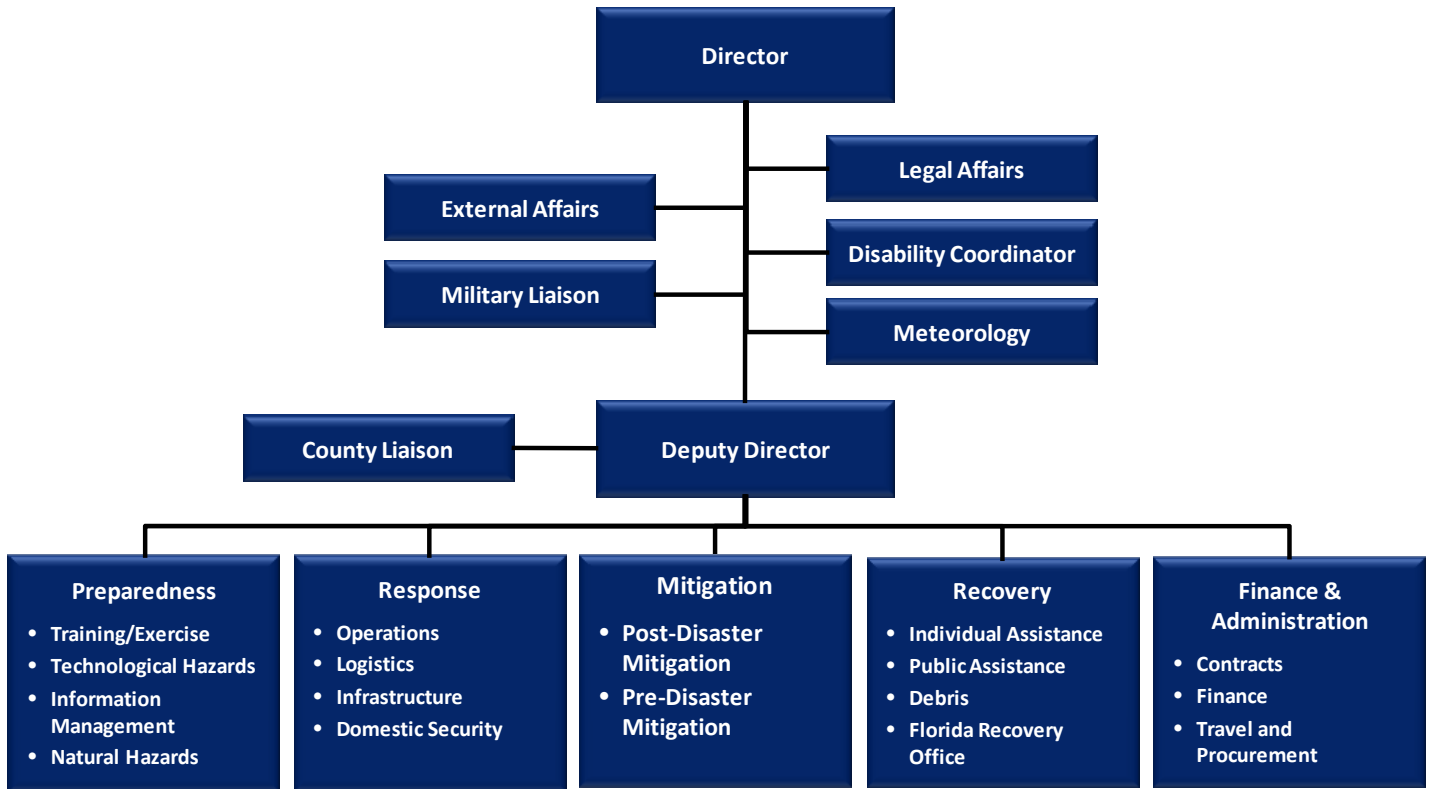
Agency Organization

Although the Division of Emergency Management is administratively housed in the Department of Community Affairs, it is a separate budget entity and is not subject to the department's control, supervision, or direction. However, the department is responsible for providing the division with finance and accounting, budgeting, personnel, purchasing, legal, inspector general, and information technology services. The Division of Emergency Management is organized into five bureaus.

- **The Bureau of Preparedness** administers a statewide emergency management preparedness program, and includes four sections covering natural hazards, training and exercise, GIS, and technical hazards. Bureau staff also provides support to the State Emergency Response Commission which administers the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, Florida Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and Community Right-To-Know Act, and the Florida Accidental Release Prevention and Risk Management Planning Act.
- **The Bureau of Response** coordinates the State Emergency Response Team's response to disasters and emergency planning activities at the state level. Activities include coordinating all Department of Homeland Security funds given to the state, contract negotiations, vendor management, resource acquisition, deployment, and providing technical assistance to county governments with locating, identifying, and retrofitting hurricane shelters.
- **The Bureau of Recovery** provides disaster assistance to individuals and families as well as administers the Public Assistance Program as the grantee for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It informs affected individuals and businesses through press releases and community response team efforts that programs are available to assist them in their recovery efforts. These programs help to rebuild lives and communities that have been impacted by a major disaster, and begin their recovery process.
- **The Bureau of Mitigation** seeks to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from disasters. Mitigation refers to activity which reduces or eliminates the chance of the occurrence or effects of a disaster. Assistance is provided through federal infrastructure assistance programs, human services assistance programs, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- **The Bureau of Finance and Administration** is responsible for financial and administrative management of the division. It includes the administrator's office which handles human resources, budget, and three sections covering state and multiple funded subgrant agreements, finance, procurement, and travel. For a chart of the division's organization, see Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 1

The Division of Emergency Management’s Organization and Programs



Source: Division of Emergency Management.

Agency Resources

As shown in Exhibit 2, the Legislature appropriated \$810,386,261 and 138 positions to the division for Fiscal Year 2008-09. This represents a 31.1% decrease in funding, but no decrease in positions from the previous fiscal year. Division managers attributed the funding decrease to a decline in projected disaster funding compared to previous

years when the state was recovering from multiple hurricanes in 2004 and 2005. Approximately 89% of the division’s total funding currently comes from federal funds.

For more details on the division’s resources for Fiscal Year 2008-09, see Exhibit 3.

Exhibit 2

Appropriations and Staffing for the Division of Emergency Management

	FY 2006-07	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09
General Revenue	\$56,125,313	\$13,073,952	\$0
Trust Funds	1,294,342,036	1,163,012,040	810,386,261
Total Funds	\$1,350,467,349	\$1,176,085,992	\$810,386,261
FTE	138	138	138
OPS	109	120	120

Source: Department of Community Affairs OPS Tracking Report (June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2008); Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09, including the Administered Funds distribution of Domestic Security funding.

Exhibit 3

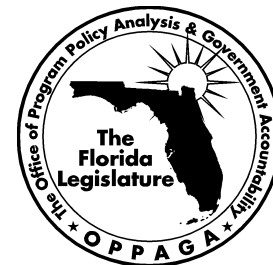
Division of Emergency Management Resources by Program for Fiscal Year 2008-09

Pre-Disaster Mitigation	Federal Funds	State Trust Funds	General Revenue	TOTAL	FTE Positions	OPS Positions
Repetitive Flood Claims Program	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	0	0
Severe Repetitive Loss Pilot Program	8,000,000	0	0	8,000,000	0	0
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program	3,950,000	0	0	3,950,000	0	0
Flood Mitigation Assistance Program	3,600,000	0	0	3,600,000	0	0
Other Operating	480,302	182,990	0	663,292	9	2
Subtotal	\$19,030,302	\$182,990	\$0	\$19,213,292	9	2
Emergency Planning						
Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant Program	\$0	\$7,089,061	\$0	\$7,089,061	0	0
Emergency Management Performance Grant - Local Distribution	4,327,470	0	0	4,327,470	0	0
Emergency Management Performance Grant	7,246,005	0	0	7,246,005	0	0
Civil Air Patrol	0	49,500	0	49,500	0	0
State Domestic Preparedness Program	72,289,811	0	0	72,289,811	0	0
U.S. DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant Program	500,000	0	0	500,000	0	0
Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)	7,502,857	0	0	7,502,857	0	0
Emergency Management Critical Facility Needs (Generators)	5,195,368	44,804,632	0	50,000,000	0	0
State Logistic Response Center	125,000	1,605,241	0	1,730,241	0	0
Local Emergency Management Facilities	0	5,070,000	0	5,070,000	0	0
Other Operating	2,296,016	2,605,988	0	4,902,004	51	16
Subtotal	\$99,482,527	\$61,224,422	\$0	\$160,706,949	51	16
Emergency Recovery						
Federally Declared Disaster Funding	\$599,007,571	\$21,431,395	\$0	\$620,438,966	0	0
Residential Construction Mitigation Program	0	3,500,000	0	3,500,000	0	0
Other Operating	1,755,985	1,012,043	0	2,768,028	39	101
Subtotal	\$600,763,556	\$25,943,438	\$0	\$626,706,994	39	101
Emergency Response						
State Warning Point	\$96,267	\$210,813	\$0	\$307,080	0	0
Other Operating	462,013	607,959	0	1,069,972	18	0
Subtotal	\$558,280	\$818,772	\$0	\$1,377,052	18	0
Hazardous Materials Compliance Planning						
Florida Hazardous Materials Planning Program	\$0	\$966,597	\$0	\$966,597	0	0
Other Operating	76,328	1,339,049	0	1,415,377	21	1
Subtotal	76,328	2,305,646	0	2,381,974	21	1
TOTAL	\$719,910,993	\$90,475,268	\$0	\$810,386,261	138	120

¹ Funds and staff positions in 'Other Operating' categories are spread throughout the division. A funding amount shown in any given area was estimated by the division.

The Florida Legislature

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability



The Florida Government Accountability Act Sunset Reviews

The 2006 Legislature passed the Florida Government Accountability Act (Ch. 2006-146, *Laws of Florida*) to create a Sunset review process. The act

- establishes the process, criteria, and schedule for the Legislature to assess whether state agencies and advisory committees need to continue to exist;
- provides for the creation of a Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee and describes the membership and organization of the committee and committee duties; and
- requires reports and assistance from state agencies and the Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

Using these reports and other information, the Sunset Advisory Committee is to produce a report that includes recommendations to abolish, continue, or reorganize an agency or advisory committee under review.

Second Year Schedule for Agency Reviews

Agencies to be reviewed by July 1, 2010:

- (a) Department of Children and Family Services
- (b) Department of Community Affairs
- (c) Department of Management Services
- (d) Department of State

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