

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 18, 2021

Consent  
 Ordinance

Regular  
 Public Hearing

Department: Department of Public Safety  
Submitted By: Department of Public Safety  
Submitted For: Division of Emergency Management

EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to: receive and file the 2021 Storm Season Preparedness Report compiled by the Public Safety Department's Division of Emergency Management (DEM).

**Summary:** The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane season and the Public Safety Department's DEM preparedness strategies for the upcoming storm season. DEM relies on all County departments as well as the Board of County Commissioners and numerous local state, federal, and non-profit volunteer agencies to provide support and resources to help Palm Beach County plan, respond, and recover from disasters. DEM has worked with numerous stakeholder agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents and employees of Palm Beach County. Countywide (LDC)

**Background and Policy Issues:** Pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 252, it is the county's responsibility to be prepared to respond to, and recover from, any hazard that threatens the lives and property of residents and visitors of Palm Beach County. Our citizens rely on us for emergency shelters, as well as, other countywide disaster functions that are a critical component of our emergency response system.

**Attachments:** PowerPoint

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Recommended By:  5/11/21  
Department Director Date

Approved By:  5/14/21  
Deputy County Administrator Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact**

Fiscal Years	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Personal Services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net Fiscal Impact	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

**# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)**      \_\_\_\_\_ 0      \_\_\_\_\_ 0      \_\_\_\_\_ 0      \_\_\_\_\_ 0      \_\_\_\_\_ 0

Is Item Included In Current Budget?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does this item include the use of federal funds?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Budget Account Exp No: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Obj. \_\_\_\_\_ Prog. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:** \_\_\_\_\_ *[Signature]* 5/11/21

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

*[Signature]* 5/12/21  
 OFMB 5/12/21      UM 5/12

*[Signature]* 5/14/21  
 Contract Dev. And Control

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*[Signature]*  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PRE-HURRICANE SEASON BRIEFING

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Department of Public Safety

Mary Blakeney  
Division of Emergency Management





# AGENDA

- Emergency Management Overview
- 2021 Hurricane Season Changes and Predictions
- Training and Exercise
- Hurricane vs. COVID-19
- How You Can Help





# DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

To be a world class  
emergency  
management agency  
keeping our community  
safe and resilient by  
working together with  
our partners and the  
public as a team.





**Executive Policy Group**  
 County Administrator  
 Mayor, Board of County Commissioners  
 Deputy County Administrator  
 Public Safety Dept. Director  
 Palm Beach County Attorney  
 Emergency Management Director  
 Palm Beach County Sheriff  
 Palm Beach Co. Fire-Rescue Administrator  
 Florida Health Palm Beach Co. Director

**Board of County Commissioners**  
 PBC Constitutional Officers  
 State Attorney  
 Judiciary - 15th Judicial Circuit  
 Public Defender  
 Property Appraiser  
 Tax Collector  
 Clerk & Comptroller  
 Supervisor of Elections  
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 PBC School Board  
 State and Federal delegations  
 League of Cities  
 Military Support/FLNG


**County Administrator  
 Incident Commander**

**Liaison Officer**  
 PBC Administration

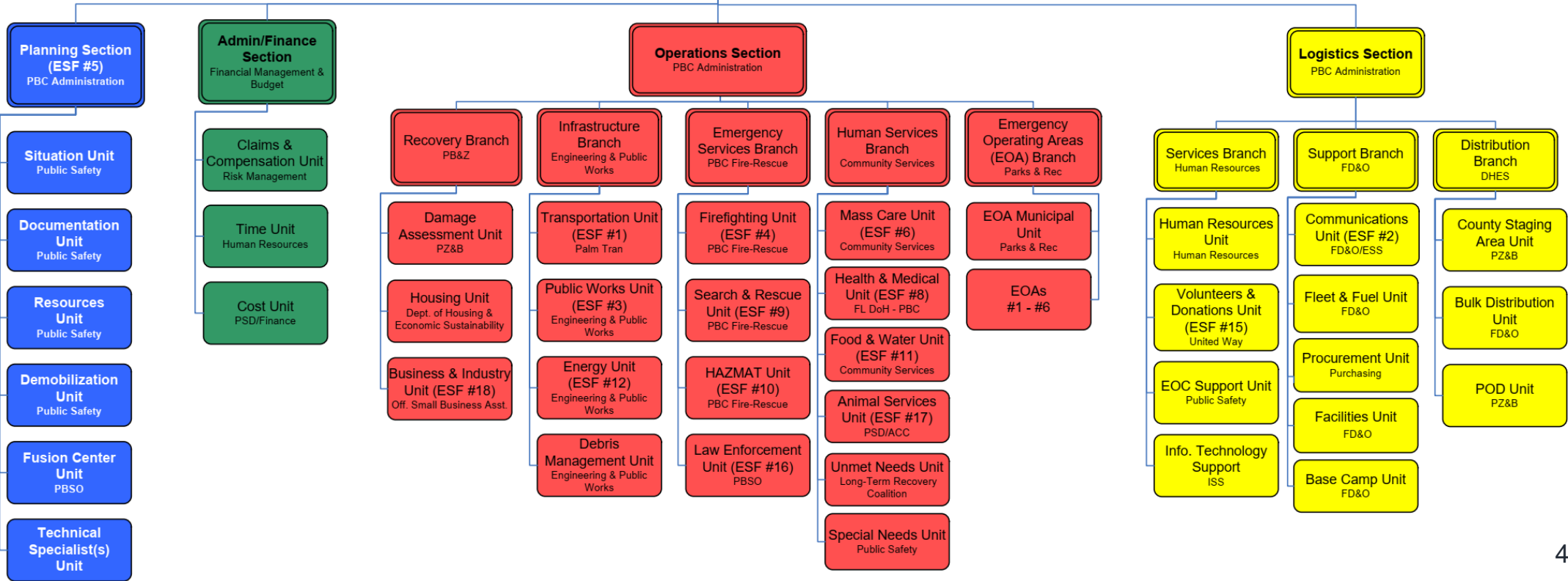
**Public Information  
 Unit (ESF #14)**  
 Public Affairs

**Emergency Information Unit  
 (EIC)**  
 Public Safety

**Safety Officer**  
 Risk Management



**Palm Beach County  
 EOC Activation  
 Organization**  
 December 2019  
*previous versions are obsolete*



# 12 CORE HAZARDS



## Core Hazards

### Natural Hazards

Severe Weather

Floods

Ag. Pests & Diseases

Fire

Communicable Diseases

### Technological Hazards

Transportation

Hazardous Materials

Nuclear Power Plant

Dike Failure

### Human Caused Hazards

Domestic Security

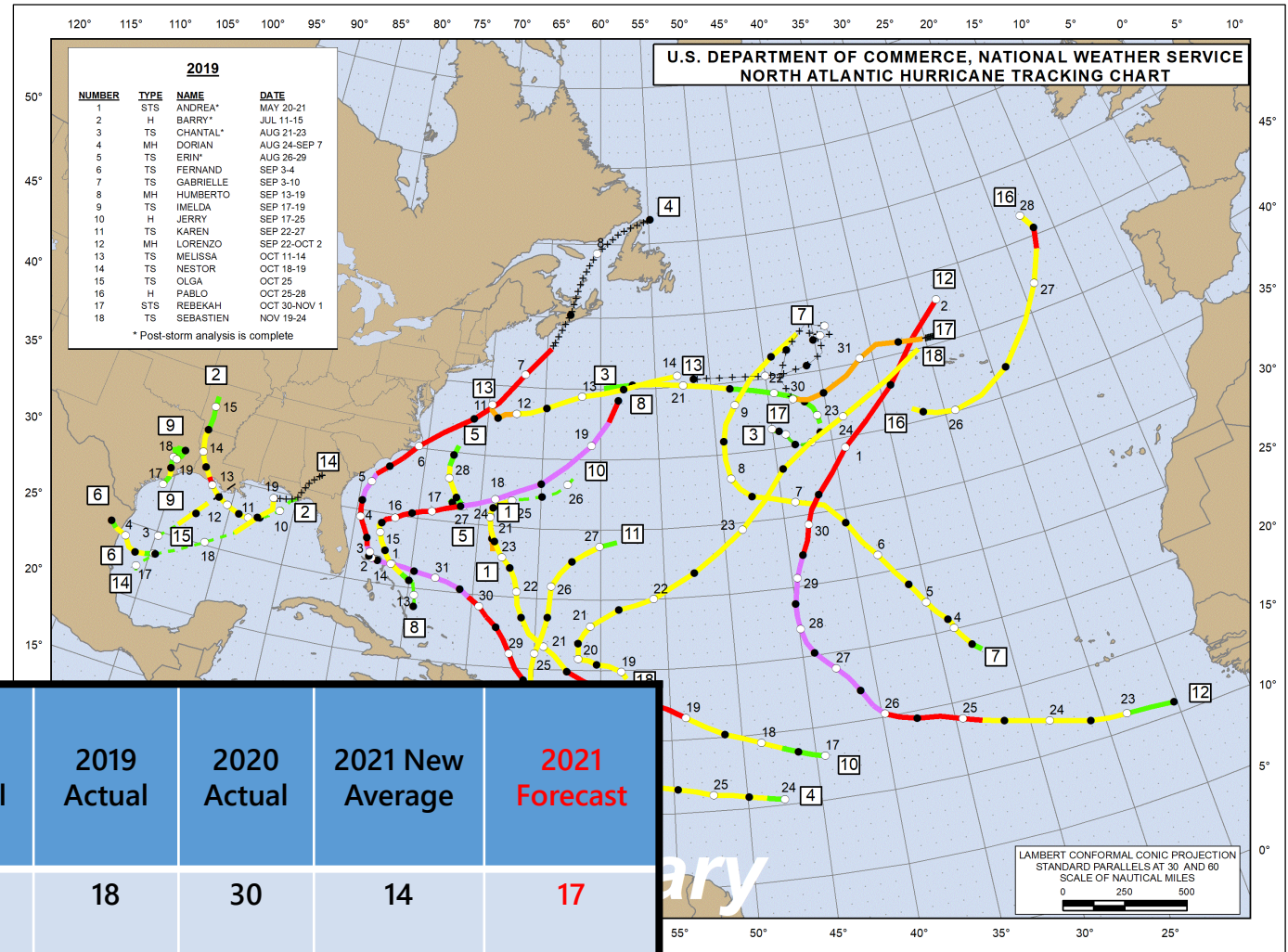
Workplace/School Violence

Mass Migration



# 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season

- 2020 forecast was to be an above average year
- 2020 was actually a record breaking year
- 2021 is forecasted to be above the “new” average



	Old Avg	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 New Average	2021 Forecast
Named	12	17	15	18	30	14	17
Hurricanes	6	10	8	6	13	7	8
Intense (≥ Cat. 3)	3	6	2	3	6	3	4



# EMPLOYEE DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM

Position	# of County Employees
Department Essential	3,937
EOC Essential	207
Emergency Information Center (EIC)	111
Disaster Service Agents	934
Disaster Team Leaders	66
Disaster Field Workers	99







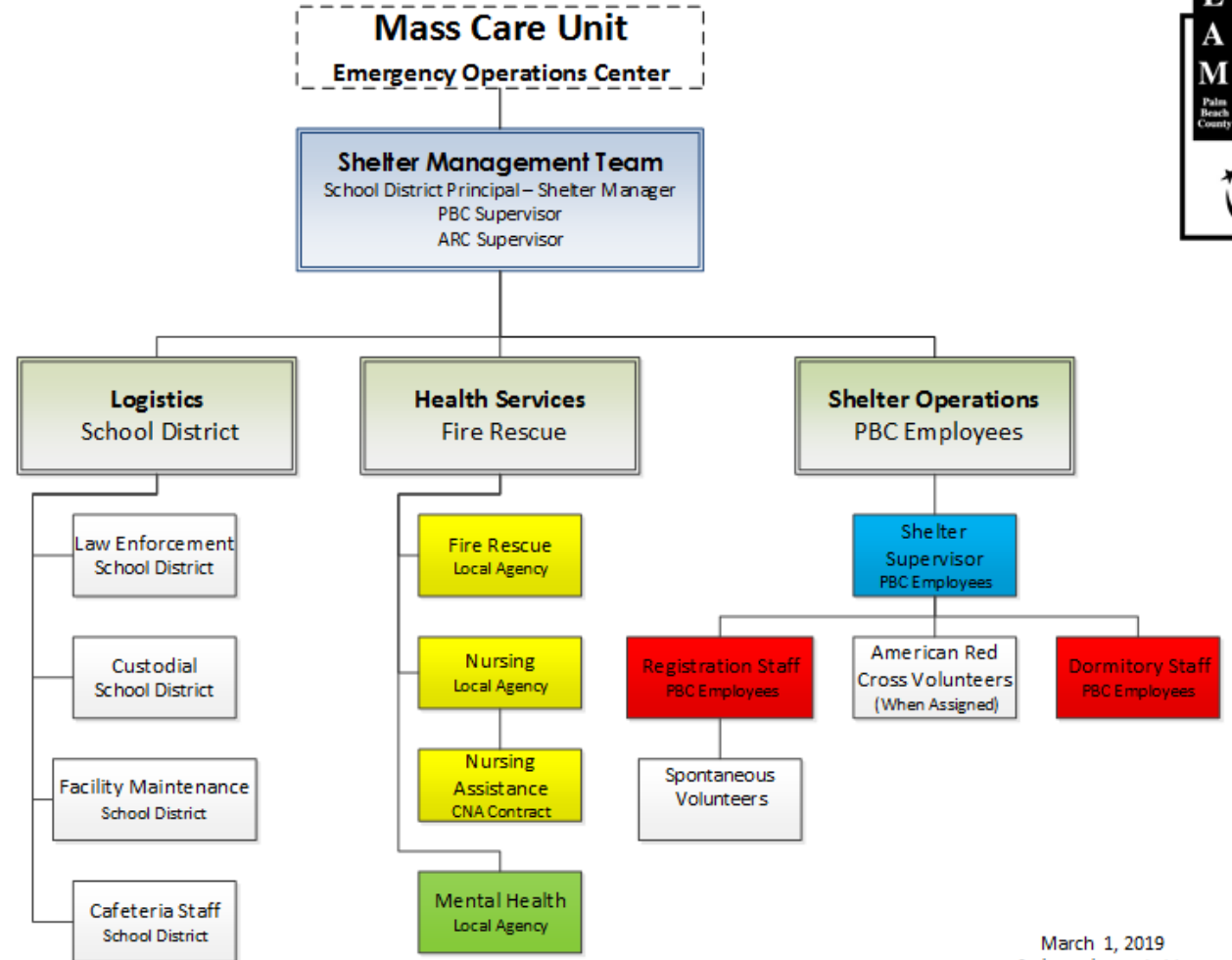


# SHELTER STAFFING

- Shelter leadership
- Shelter staffing

Function/role	# of Employees Assigned
Shelter supervisors	67
Shelter support staff	595

## Palm Beach County General Population Shelter Organizational Chart

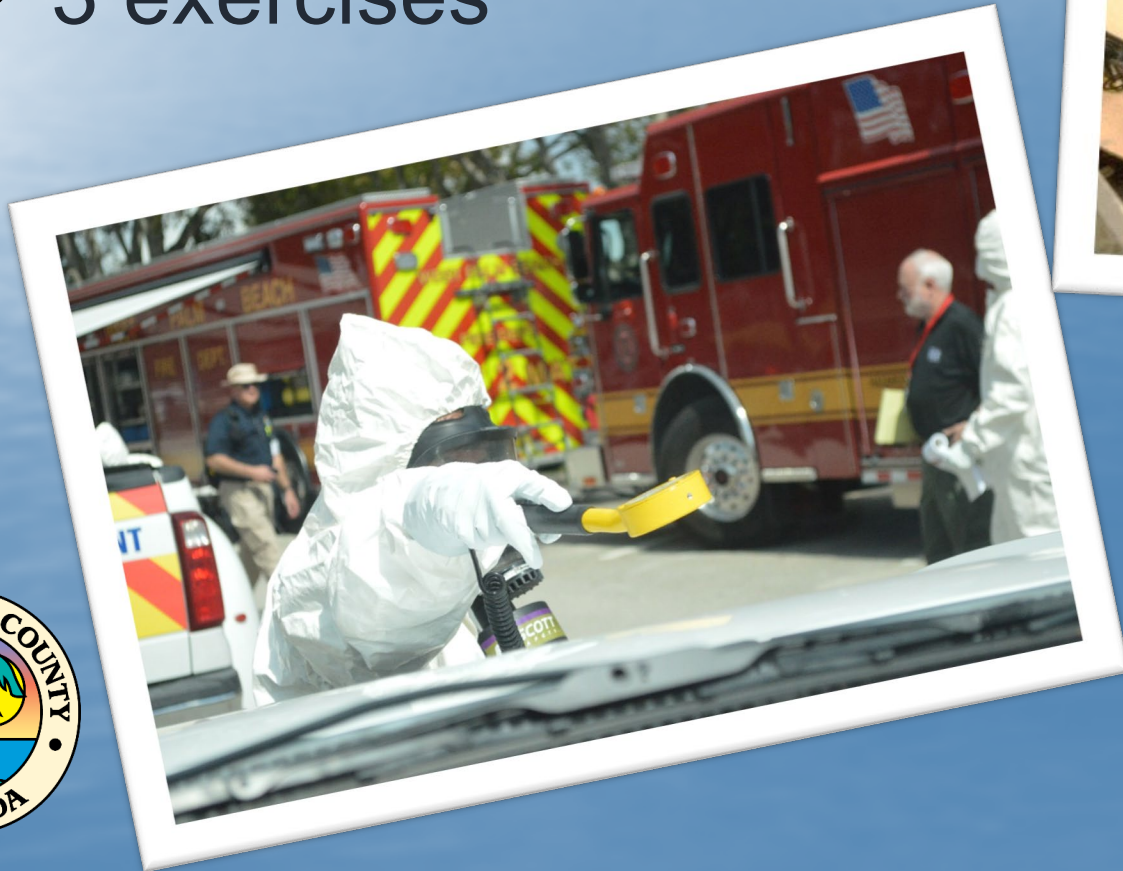


March 1, 2019  
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# TRAINING & EXERCISES

- 17 training classes
- 3 exercises





# Hurricane Response during COVID





# HURRICANE + COVID19 SCENARIOS

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## COMPLEMENTARY STRATEGIES

- Evaluate the decision process for evacuation
- Develop Contingency Plans for Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter Options
- Provide additional screening and sanitizing efforts at all shelters
- Continue to evaluate staffing levels and available resources



# SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?





## Reinforce EOC actions & priorities:

- Assist with federal declarations:
  - Work with lawmakers to “turn on” FEMA programs
  - Special requests for federal assistance
  - Reimbursement support
- Consistent messaging:
  - Reinforce protective actions
  - Reinforce public information







# Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. **YOU CAN.**

- Encourage planning for disasters a priority for everyone; employees, residents, family & friends
- Encourage your businesses to be prepared
- Encourage your constituents to be prepared at every opportunity



# OUR MESSAGE IS SIMPLE

- Have a plan:
  - Everyone has a duty to be prepared;
  - Know if you need to evacuate:
    - If not, shutter and shelter in place
    - If so, know where you are going (within County)
- Make a kit; keep it stocked year round
- Be informed:
  - Monitor local media, our website, and our twitter for preparedness information and protective actions
- Have a plan for your pet(s)
- If you have special needs, plan even more...



<http://www.ReadyPBC.org>



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**MAKE A PLAN**

With Your Family

Ready Palm Beach County  
[www.readypbc.org](http://www.readypbc.org)

2

**BUILD A KIT**

For Your Household

Ready Palm Beach County  
[www.readypbc.org](http://www.readypbc.org)

3

**GET INVOLVED**

Volunteer

Ready Palm Beach County  
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**BE INFORMED**

Updated Critical Information  
at Your Fingertips

Download our FREE app:  
**PBCDART**



**THANK  
YOU**

