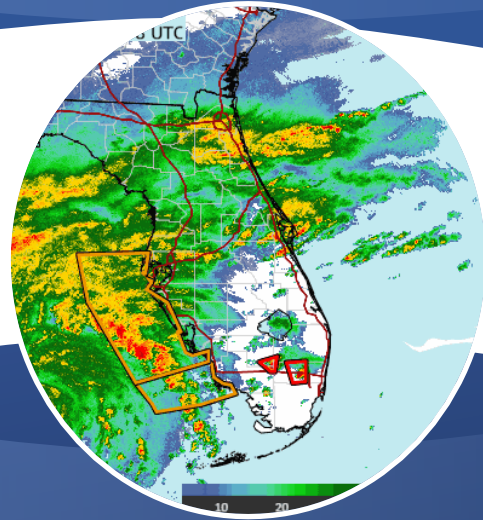


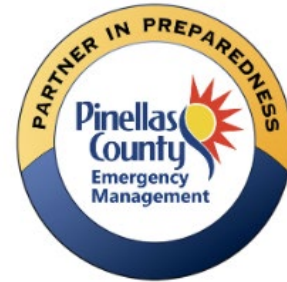
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**Cathie Perkins – Director, Emergency Management**

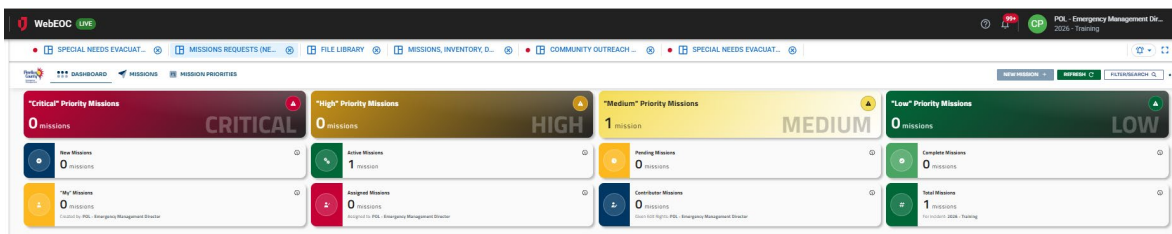
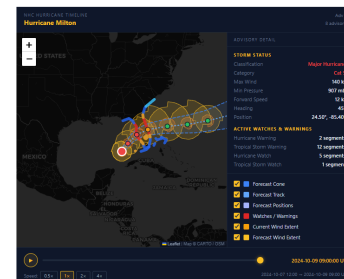
# Initiatives

- Community Center projects
- Shuttering/Hardening projects
- Increase in Disaster Vendors/Partners
- Training
- State Level
  - New EOC - Tallahassee
  - New Warehouse - Arundale



# Behind the Scenes

- Continuity of Operations – Back up EOC
- Updated Missions Board - State and Local Level
- Portal for Donations/Volunteers
- Real Estate tracking
- Dashboards - Monitoring and Decision Making
- Municipal support

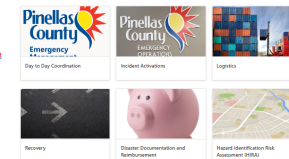


## Municipal Emergency Management Page

This site serves as a guide to provide a basic foundation for understanding how governing entities in Pinellas County will work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Each jurisdiction should develop and prepare to implement local plans that can be used independently for localized incidents or in support of County operations when countywide events occur. We have designed this site with easy access to links, websites, key information on a day-to-day basis as well as during activations. If you have suggestions for edits/additions, please email [apekita@pinellas.gov](mailto:apekita@pinellas.gov)

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# PINELLAS COUNTY HURRICANE GUIDE

How to prepare for severe weather throughout the year



**Hurricane Season June 1–Nov. 30**

Pinellas County Emergency Management and Newspapers in Education continue to engage young people in emergency planning. The 2026 Pinellas County Hurricane Guide includes activities for kids to learn how to prepare for extreme weather. See page 3 for the poster contest winner!

Tampa Bay  
**Times NIE**  
Newspaper in education  
tampabay.com/nie

## 2026 Hurricane Preparedness Day



Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
North Greenwood Recreation Center  
900 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Clearwater

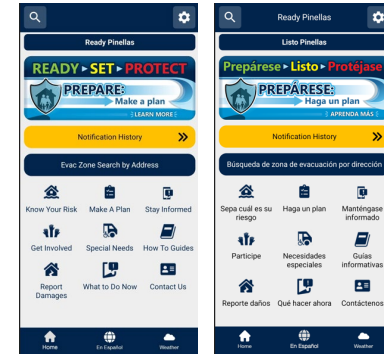


- Join us for a free event to help you and your family get ready for hurricane season!
- Free hurricane kit supplies
  - Evacuation zone lookup
  - Special needs program registration
  - Emergency shelter demonstration
  - Sandbag demonstration
  - Free pet services (with purchase of a county license): Exams, rabies shots and microchips
  - Recovery resources & free disaster legal aid
  - Business Resource Center
  - Blood drive with OneBlood (Donors receive a \$20 gift card)
  - Opportunity to see emergency response vehicles up close
  - Kids hurricane education zone
  - Free hot dogs and chips provided by The Salvation Army

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