



COUNTY CEMP GUIDANCE - FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

The Legislature passed amendments to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, on May 2nd, 2025, and Governor DeSantis signed it into law on June 26th. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has identified requirements which will now be the responsibility of local governments at both the county and municipal levels to implement immediately.

FDEM will provide political subdivisions with a template for comprehensive emergency management plans (CEMPs), including plans for natural disasters, and guidance on the development of mutual aid agreements. FDEM will develop and distribute this template which will include the requirements outlined in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, such as the requirement that CEMP must include an update to public health emergency capabilities, as determined in collaboration with the Department of Health.

COUNTY CEMP TEMPLATE AND GUIDANCE

OVERVIEW

The CEMP template provides Florida counties with comprehensive guidance for developing or updating their Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (CEMPs) to ensure compliance with Rule 27P-6 of the Florida Administrative Code and alignment with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and National Response Framework (NRF). **County CEMP submissions will still be reviewed based on the published crosswalk, provided template and guidance does not supersede the County CEMP Crosswalk requirements.**

COMPONENTS

- **CEMP County Base Plan Template:** Plan template which includes purpose, scope, methodology, roles and responsibilities, emergency phases, and concept of operations that highlights best practices and gives examples of information to be included
- **County POD Plan Annex Template:** Provides elements necessary for a POD Plan as an annex
- **Distribution Management Plan Annex:** Outlines the framework to utilize for managing efficient flow of emergency goods and services
- **ESF Annex Template:** Provides a standardized framework outlining roles, responsibilities, and coordination processes for specific functional areas during emergency operations
- **Natural Hazard Annex Template:** Outlines the specific strategies, responsibilities, and procedures for preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a particular hazard or threat.
- **Shelter Plan Annex Template:** Provides an overview of shelter definitions used in the State of Florida and framework for developing a Shelter Plan
- **Debris Management Checklist:** Provides the necessary components for debris planning to be consistent with current operational requirements and FEMA guidance
- **Model Debris Removal Contract:** Contract template with general recommended terms for debris removal services
- **Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement:** The state-level agreement that allows government entities to share emergency resources like personnel, equipment, and facilities during major disasters

CONTACTS

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