

2nd Quarter

April—June 2021

**Inside this issue:**

Severe Weather: Know your risk & plan ahead!	1
Taking Action	2
Floods	2
Tornadoes	3
Power Outage	4
Training: Upcoming changes and what to expect.	4
Disaster Response Force (DRF) Member	4

**To Start Developing a
Plan, Click Here!**



Emergency Management Newsletter

Severe Weather: Know Your Risks and Plan Ahead!



Often overlooked, or taken lightly, people are often unprepared or ill-equipped to deal with severe weather and other hazards associated with it. Thunderstorms can bring damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, and flash flooding that can place you and your family in danger.

Knowing the types of hazards that you and your family are vulnerable to will allow you to plan accordingly, get the proper insurance coverage you need and take the necessary steps to mitigate the effects that severe weather might have on you or your loved ones. One of the best things you can do for you or your family is to develop a plan.

Develop a Plan Ask yourself the following questions:

1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
2. Where do I go to for shelter?
3. What are my evacuation routes?
4. How will I communicate with my family if we get separated?
5. Does my family have special needs?
6. Do I have an emergency kit?

It is important to consider the needs of your loved ones (to include pets). There may be special services, medications, equipment or dietary needs that can have a profound impact in the event you have to go to a shelter. Remember, shelters should be used as a last resort once all other options have been exhausted.

Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.



Stay Informed Sign up for emergency alerts through your local community.

- [AlertSA](#)
- [Regional Emergency Alert Network \(REAN\)](#)
- AtHoc

Build an Emergency Kit

[Click Here](#)



FEMA

Take an Active Role in Your Safety Go to [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) and search for flood. Download the [FEMA app](#) to get more information about preparing for a flood. Find Emergency Safety Tips under Prepare.

Protect your documents by keeping them in a waterproof container. Make digital copies.

Taking Action

Before

- Cut down or trim trees that may pose a danger of falling on your home or power lines.
- Consider buying surge protectors to protect your electronics inside your home.
- Secure outside furniture.

During

- Go indoors if you hear thunder.
- Pay attention to weather reports and warnings.
- Avoid flooded roadways.
- If boating or swimming, get to land as soon as possible and seek shelter.

After

- Listen to authorities and weather forecasts for further information.
- Watch for and report fallen power lines and trees.

Floods

The most common and costliest natural disasters in the U.S. They can develop over time or come as a flash flood with little to no warning. Flooding can leave you and your family stranded and inaccessible to emergency responders.

Know Your Risk: Visit FEMA's [Flood Map Service Center](#) provided in the additional information section below to find out the risks in your area.

Flood Insurance

To purchase flood insurance, call your insurance company or insurance agent, the same person who sells your home or auto insurance. If you need help finding a provider go to [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov)/find or call the NFIP at 877-336-2627.

Plan ahead as there is typically a 30-day waiting period for an NFIP policy to go into effect, unless the coverage is mandated it is purchased as required by a federally backed lender or is related to a community flood map change.

Develop a Family Communications Plan

[Click Here!](#)



Creating your Family Emergency Communication Plan starts with one simple question: "What if?"

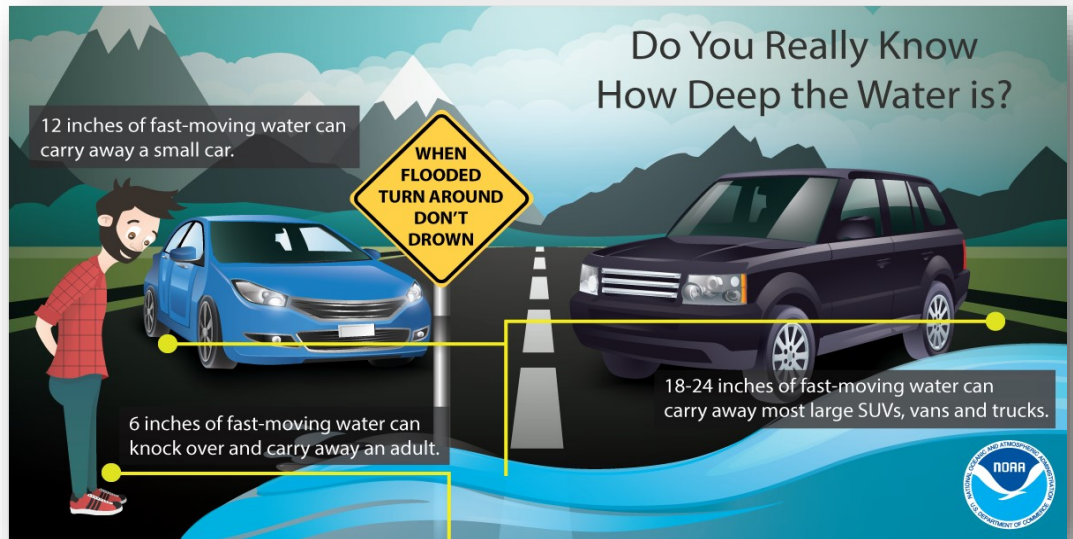
"What if something happens and I'm not with my family?" "What if we don't have a plan?" "What if I don't know how to use my phone?" "What if I don't know how to use my car?" "What if I don't know how to use my house?"

Communications resources, such as mobile phones and computers, could be unavailable during disasters, and electricity could be disrupted. Having an alternate way to communicate with your family and friends is essential. Creating a plan and practicing it regularly can help you and your family stay safe and sound.

- 1. COLLECT.**
Gather a team of family members to create information for your family and other important people. Collect such as medical facilities, doctors, schools, or service providers.
- 2. SHARE.**
Make sure everyone carries a copy in his or her backpack, purse, or wallet. If you complete your Family Emergency Communication Plan online, it will be available to you at any time. You can print it out and use it as a reference. You should also have a copy of the plan in your home, such as your refrigerator or on a wall.
- 3. PRACTICE.**
Have regular family meetings to review and practice your plan.

TEXT IS BEST!

FEMA P-1074-120 2012



Tornadoes

What are they? Rotating columns of air that extend to the ground capable of producing winds in excess of 200 mph. They can happen anywhere at anytime of the day with little to no warning.

Watch vs warning? A **Watch** indicates that a potential exists for severe weather or tornado based on the type of warning. A **Warning** indicates that severe weather is imminent or already occurring based off of a reported observation or indication through Doppler Radar.

What to do?

- Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location
- Go to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.
- If there is no basement, get to a small, interior room on the lowest level
- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls
- Watch out for flying debris
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck

Fujita Scale (F-Scale)	
F0	< 73 MPH
F1	73 to 112 MPH
F2	113 to 157 MPH
F3	158 to 206 MPH
F4	207 to 260 MPH
F5	261+ MPH



DID YOU KNOW

Most tornadoes occur in the U.S. April thru June



[Click here](#)

Follow us on
Facebook!



[Click here](#)



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A POWER OUTAGE?



Training News

IAW upcoming changes to AFI 10-2501; the CBRN CBT will no longer be required, regardless of AFSC or unit designation.

Individuals will either complete the hands-on training on a recurring basis (dependent on their deployment posture), or just-in-time training for deployment or PCS.

Incremental updates are being made to MyLearning (formerly ADLS); to include the following EM courses:

- AFEM Program Course
- EM Representative
- EOC & CCO

Disaster Response Force (DRF) Member

If you have been assigned as a DRF member (i.e., CAT, EOC, UCC, or specialized team), you have 30 days from the date of assignment to complete the required training. This allows at least two opportunities for training since these courses are offered once a month. If you have been assigned to a DRF position but have yet to be scheduled for training, contact your unit training scheduler to be placed in the next available course. Please contact the 902 CES/CEX Training Section at 652-3367 or 671-2260 for questions concerning assignments and training.