

Resiliency through Preparedness – Protecting Our Population

The hurricanes of the past decade have continually reminded us of the devastating effects Florida's communities experience during disasters. Resiliency is the ability of a community to overcome adversity and return to a pre-disaster state. To lead this effort, emergency management professionals and government leaders must be prepared for the numerous challenges posed by hurricanes on our communities. The Governor's Hurricane Conference provides the training both leaders and emergency responders need to protect our population.

Experience has shown that the sooner communities deal with adversity and begin managing and mitigating these impacts and consequences, the more likely they are to be successful in returning life to the "new normal."

The primary element for assuring resiliency in managing emergencies is preparedness. Resiliency through preparedness begins with preparing communities and their leaders by way of good planning, response management along clear lines of authority, realistic prevention and mitigation activities, effective public communication and well-managed recovery efforts.

In our 24th year, the Governor's Hurricane Conference continues the commitment to prepare our state's current and future public safety professionals to meet these challenges.

Training is the foundation of preparedness. Preparedness is the path to resiliency.