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Levy County Quarterly Department Report

Department Information

Name of Department	**Emergency Management**
Name of Department Head	**Leatha Keene**

Department Deliverables

Deliverable *(To be determined by the Department Head)*	**Second Quarter FY** (January-March 2026)	**Third Quarter FY** (April-June 2026)	**Fourth Quarter FY** (July-September 2026)
Preparedness and Community Engagement	Participated in Community Outreach with local partners, and increasing community awareness and education.	Completed participation in the Statewide Hurricane Exercise and enhanced readiness by updating plans, resources and ensuring operational preparedness for the season.	Participated in several community events focused on preparedness and public education.
EOC Design & Development	Finalize conceptual design and begin architectural drawings for new EOC.	Advanced the EOC project by moving the design and development milestones.	Met with the construction partners to participate in the EOC development.
Emergency Response	Coordinated with state on emergency declaration; implemented burn ban.	Continued administration of state and federal grants and	Completed the extensive rewrite of the CEMP and the LMS plan.

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Comment:	**Thank you to the leadership and staff for all the support!**	**The success of this quarter is a direct result of our team's dedication. I am incredibly proud of Caleb and Jordyn's fantastic work!**	**Thank you to the team for continued teamwork and dedication!**

Department Highlights

Fourth Quarter FY (July-September 2026)

This quarter, Emergency Management participated in several community events focused on preparedness and public education.

One of those events was a presentation to the members of Bronson Methodist Church, along with a tabling event sponsored by the Levy County School Board family resource team. We also participated in the Williston Back-to-School Bash, where we provided residents with valuable information to help them prepare for disasters.

Emergency Management completed the extensive rewrite of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan (LMS).

The Florida Division of Emergency Management completed its review of the CEMP and LMS plans and determined that the plans meet the required compliance standards. These plans are important because they help guide our preparedness and mitigation efforts, support coordination with other local plans, and provide a foundation for protecting our residents, property, and resources. Our plans will also be made publicly available through levydisaster.com so residents and other jurisdictions can use them as a resource.

Emergency Management has continued to advance the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) construction project.

Emergency Management staff met with the construction partners to participate in a development and design planning meeting. The discussion covered several important elements, including the electrical design, access points, security, interior layout, and other functional features needed to support the facility.

The project is scheduled for construction to begin in January 2028, with an estimated construction period of 12 to 18 months!

Emergency Management has remained actively involved in managing several FEMA projects, including coordination meetings with FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, as well as state calls and reporting requirements.

On September 16th, Emergency Management met with FDEM Deputy Executive Director, Ben Fairbrother and requested advanced funds in the amount of $1,087,546.09 to be expedited for Hurricane Helene debris removal. Within just nine days of that request, the payment was received!

This is an important step toward reimbursing the departments that used their operating budgets to cover debris removal labor and equipment costs. Receiving these funds will help restore those expenditures to their budgets.

In addition, the remaining balance of $1,441,630.87 is expected to be paid to Levy County in October!