

On Feb 28, 2022, at 10:28 AM, Jeff Goldberg <jeff@waltoncountyem.org> wrote:

Gail,

Good morning! I received your letter last week and would like to thank you for reaching out to me to clarify the processes and procedures to ensure that registrants are in compliance with the law and that they know what is expected should they have to evacuate to one of the shelters in Walton County. In addition, I would like to applaud your efforts in developing a resource guide for the registrants. For visibility, I have copies Donna Free, WCEM Deputy Director and Catie Feeney, WCEM Operations Coordinator (since sheltering is under her purview). Below are my responses to your questions.

1. Where can registrants evacuate to during a hurricane or natural disaster?
 - a. **Any of our open shelters in Walton County but they must self-identify. Freeport High School is the first shelter that we open. We shelter general population, special needs, and pets in that shelter. It is located at 12615 Business Hwy 331 Freeport, FL 32439**
2. If separate provisions are made for registrants on probation vs. registrants not on probation, what are they?
 - a. **We treat them both equally.**
3. If specific shelters have been designated for registrants, what is/are the location of those shelters?
 - a. **There are no specific shelters for registrants. They are welcome at all our shelters.**
4. Will registrants be separated from their family if seeking shelter in a designated location?
 - a. **They will not be separated.**
5. If an evacuation lasts 3 or more days such that the evacuation location becomes a "temporary residence" pursuant to F.S. §943.0435, are your registration locations open during the hurricane or natural disaster, to enable a registrant to comply with the in-person registration requirement?
 - i. **After discussions with State Probation, registration locations may or may not be open post impact based upon severity of the storm. All shelter residents sign in and out as well as register upon entry. As registrants are required to self-identify, a record of the registrant is maintained and WCSO is aware of them as they provide shelter security. WCSO and State Probation (if the registrant is under supervision) will do everything within their power to ensure compliance. Per State Probation, they worked through these issues after Hurricane Michael to give the registrant the ability to notify of address/location changes. Emergency Management will also work with these agencies to help facilitate the process.**
 - b. If not; what provisions are made for compliance?
 - i. **See above**
6. Who can a registrant contact for more information during an emergency?
 - a. **During an emergency, they can contact our Citizen Information Center at 850-892-8392. During non-emergency times, they can call Walton County Emergency Management at 850-892-8065 or email wcem@waltoncountyem.org.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you need any additional information or clarification.

Thanks!

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