

**THE MANATEE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM**

Mission and Objectives

Mission: The mission of the Manatee County Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Program is to minimize personal loss to County residents. Reduce loss of County infrastructure and operational capability caused by Natural Disasters or major accidents.

Objectives: The major objectives of the Disaster Preparedness Program are to:

Integrate, into a single program, the planning and employment of resources to enable Manatee County to cope with contingencies, and peacetime disasters.

Protect County residents and resources from the effects of Disasters and restore primary County Infrastructures after a natural disaster or major accidents.

Mitigate the effects of major accidents and natural disasters. Restore primary County Infrastructures after a natural disaster or major accidents to operational capability as soon as possible.

Provide support to municipal authorities during disasters.

Preserve public confidence in the event of major accidents or natural disasters.

Provide natural disaster and major accident awareness and education.