

UF Shelter Medicine Program

Disaster Assessment Team's Role in Florida Disaster Response

What is the UF Shelter Med Disaster Assessment Team?

The UF Shelter Med Disaster Assessment Team ramps up during an active disaster. They handle initial shelter assessments post-disaster via phone, email, networking, and social media to get Florida animal shelters the help they need. They work in collaboration with many amazing agencies to make sure all shelters in the impacted areas are contacted and assisted.

SART and the Florida State Animal Response Coalition (SARC) mobilize at the same time as these initial assessments to set up the Incident Management Team (IMT) and Incident Command Post (ICP) in a safe location that is close to the most impacted counties. Once the IMT and ICP are set up and functioning, the UF Team transition out of their more active role and refer shelters to their county contacts at the ICP for assistance (via SART).

During inactive periods, the team works with Florida shelters and other disaster response organizations to ensure emergency contacts are current, training and planning information is available, and network communications are fluid and up to date.

When a Storm is Projected

- Expect a call, text, and email from your friends at UF (that's us!)
- Setting up and staffing Pet-Friendly Shelters
- Make sure you have enough supplies on hand (food/water) for 7 days in case help is not able to reach your shelter
- Ask the community for help with temporary fostering during the storm so you can free up space in the shelter for post-storm victims.
- Transport out any pre-storm animals that are off their stray hold and available for adoption
- Health certificates are needed for animals leaving for states outside of those with waivers OR if they are flying on commercial airplanes.
 - Identify accredited vets who can write health certs and verify state requirements for transports
 - **WE HAVE A LIST** of vets who want to be notified if there's an emergency need in their area, but it is best to have at least 1 vet arranged (better to have a backup) and ensure you have staff who can assist with and hold animals during exams.

Make Sure Your Contacts are Updated

Scan this QR code to fill out your shelter's emergency contact information!

What our team needs to make sure you get the assistance you need before, during, and following a disaster:

- Primary and secondary contact information
- Social media contacts
- Information about your shelter (flood zones, indoor/outdoor kennels, etc.)
- Resources your shelter has available (crates, food, potable water, etc.)
- If you already have or need help with an Emergency Action Plan
- Info on County pet-friendly evacuation shelters
- ESF-17 contact info and where to find it

Also check out our website for more information:

<https://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu/shelter-services/emergency-response/>

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Update your shelter's
emergency contacts here

Scan Me

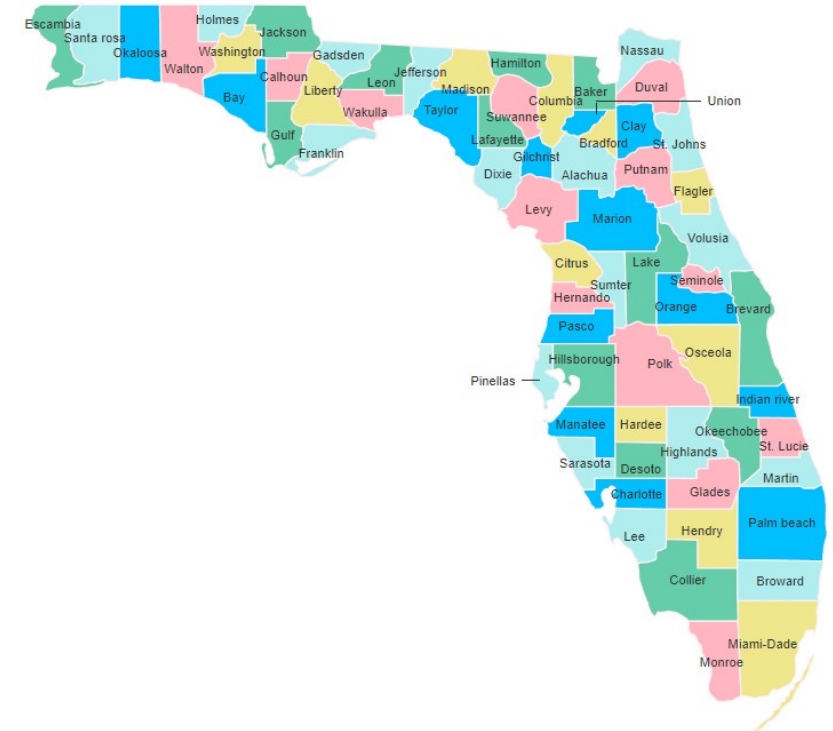


Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART)

- Emergency Operation Center Location
- Emergency Management Director
- County Extension Contacts
- **ESF-17: Emergency Support Function 17 Coordinators**
- Additional contacts
- Food Safety Contact
- Vector Control Contact

<https://flsart.org/resource/countyinformation.jsp>

County Emergency Management Contacts



Duval County

Emergency Operation Center Location

Address: 515 North Julia St., Jacksonville, FL 32202

Phone: (904)630-2472

Fax: (904)630-0600

Email: N/A

Website: [www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/
Emergency+Preparedness/default.htm](http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/default.htm)

Map: 

Emergency Management Director

Name: Todd Smith

Address: 515 North Julia St., Jacksonville, FL 32202

Phone: (904)255-3118

Cell Phone: Available to SART member only.

Fax: (904)630-0600

Email: ToddS@coj.net

County Extension Contact

Name: Stephanie Toell

Address: 1010 N McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL
32254

Phone: (904) 255-7450

Cell Phone: N/A

Fax: (904)387-8902

Email: stoelle@ufl.edu

Map: 

Emergency Support Function 17 Coordinator

Name: Devron Cody

Organization: COJ ACPS

Position: Emergency Coordinating Officer

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Emergency Support Function 17 Coordinator

Name: James Schaudel

Organization: COJ EPD

Position: Branch Director

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Phone: 255-3116

Cell Phone: Available to SART member only.

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Food Safety Contact

Name: Mike Byrd

Organization: FDACS

Position: Sanitation and Safety Supervisor

Address: , , FL N/A

Phone: (850)766-8812

Cell Phone: N/A

Fax: N/A

Email: Mike.Byrd@fdacs.gov

Check out the UF Shelter Med Program's Website for More Info

The screenshot shows the website header with 'UFHealth' and 'University of Florida' logos. The main navigation bar includes 'About Us', 'Faculty, Staff & Alumni', 'Education', 'Programs & Services', 'Research', 'News', and 'Make a Gift'. The 'Programs & Services' dropdown menu is open, highlighting 'FLORIDA ANIMAL SHELTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE'. The main content area features a sidebar with 'Programs & Services Overview' and a list of links including 'Maddie's® Million Pet Challenge', 'Shelter Consultations', 'Disease Prevention and Response in Animal Shelters', 'Florida Animal Shelter Emergency Response', 'Community Cat Resources', and 'Community Resources'. The main heading is 'Florida Animal Shelter Emergency Response' with a sub-heading 'Prepare your shelter for hurricane season!'. A red warning box contains the text: 'If You Need Emergency Assistance Please contact 9-1-1 and your County Emergency Management Contacts at Florida SART (State Agricultural Response Team)'.

The graphic has a dark blue background. At the top left is the 'UF Shelter Medicine Program' logo with 'College of Veterinary Medicine' and 'UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA' below it. The text 'Check out the UF Shelter Med FL Emergency Response Website' is centered. Below this is the large text 'Scan Me' and a QR code.

Not Sure Where to Start?

Scan this QR code to access your digital toolkit, created for animal shelters in Florida!

Included in your toolkit:

- **Trainings available (FREE)**
- **Contact information for hurricane planning**
- **Mini-guide to Florida's hurricane response process for animal shelters**
- **Florida hurricane animal shelter specific FAQs**
- **and more.....**

