



***Hurricane Preparedness Plan
Men's & Women's Centers
Pensacola, FL***

This policy shall govern our decision-making process regarding appropriate shelter during hurricane warnings.

24 HOURS BEFORE LANDFALL

- Close and lock all shutters on every window
- Organize in the chapel all emergency supplies listed below.
- Secure & store all yard items
- Fill 50 gallons drums with fresh water, double check propane and charcoal supply

12 HOURS BEFORE LANDFALL

- Family members of students will be contacted concerning our plan
- Our local administration office will draw from our database all students' names, a contact person, phone numbers, & emails

Students must sign a release of consent if they choose to stay enrolled at Teen Challenge during any category of hurricane.

For Category 1, 2, and 3 hurricanes, we will:

- Remain on campus with ample supplies to sustain the program for three to seven days.
- Secure the facilities with hurricane panels and plywood.
- Prepare generators, and purchase fuel.
- Assign two staff members to field phones & emails from families.

For Category 4 hurricanes, we will:

- Transport the student body to a government-approved shelter. Escambia County coordinates with the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida (ARC) to open hurricane shelters in phases, based on public demand.

Marie K. Young Community Center
6405 Wagner Road
Pensacola, FL 32505
850.471.6137

Blue Angels Elementary School
1551 Dog Track Road
Pensacola, FL 32506
850.457.6356

For Category 5 hurricanes, we will:

- Evacuate to a Teen Challenge Center furthest from the path of the storm.

Teen Challenge Southeast Region - Columbus Girls Academy
14 Motts Drive
Seale, AL 36875
334.855.3695

Teen Challenge Southeast Region - Middle Georgia
3729 Hwy. 441 South
Dublin, GA 31021
478-984-5252

Students will:

- Pack a bedroll with toiletries, Bible and note pad and three changes of undergarments.
- Assist in loading vans with necessary supplies.

Staff will:

- Be informed of our plans and communicate with the student body. Staff and students will be provided with a list of emergency phone numbers along with our destination. Students will be permitted a five minute phone call to family before departure.
- Pack student medications with med logs.
- Ensure adequate supplies are packed and finances available.

Emergency Phone Numbers

- Kevin Cummings, Executive Director 239.887.7401 cell
 - Sandy Cummings, Director 239.887.7402 cell
 - Chris Joyner, MC Program Manager 985.503.8392 cell
 - Lauren Schiller, WC Program Assistant 904.430.3714 cell
- All personnel emails are - *firstname.lastname@teenchallenge.cc*

Our Experience

We have had experience in evacuating the campus both locally and out-of-state for Category 4 & 5 Hurricanes. We have also safely weathered on-campus for Category 1, 2, & 3 Hurricanes. We have never experienced a personal injury to staff nor student in each of these instances. Moreover, we have experienced loss of power for 7 to 8 days on several occasions. We own generators to keep refrigerators running throughout a potential loss of power. Cooking can be done on a grill with charcoal or propane. Generators throw off carbon monoxide and are kept a safe distance from any window or door openings where individuals are staying.

Aftermath / Missions Week

- Volunteer list with Escambia County Emergency Management to distribute supplies of food to the public at designated locations.
- Help neighbors, within a 10 mile radius of the Men's Center, with tree cutting and general clean up.
- Generally this week has been a blessing for our students to give back to the local community and has not increased student attrition, but on the contrary, has helped with student retention.

Web Sites for Reference

www.myflorida.com

www.myescambia.com

www.floridadisaster.org

