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BALDWIN COUNTY EMA

Statement from Director, Tom Tyler

Bad things will happen, and our job is to make them less bad and get ourselves back to normal faster. This is a simple way of expressing the mission of the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency. Our role is to plan, prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from disasters, whether they are natural or manmade. When considering each thing that we do, we always ask ourselves, "How will this task make disasters less impactful and help Baldwin County recover faster?"

Preparation requires effort from all of us: Individuals and families; organizations; private businesses; and local, state, Tribal, and Federal Government. The main purpose of this publication is to inform our readers about disaster preparation and the variety of players that interact to create and maintain a culture of preparedness. Baldwin County faces a variety of hazards not associated with tropical weather. Our job is to prepare for all hazards that we may face.

Preparedness begins with the individual and family unit. Individuals who are adequately prepared are less likely to find themselves in danger, which allows our emergency services to operate more efficiently during a disaster. Those who evacuate when instructed to do so by proper authorities reduce the number of calls for rescue during a very challenging time. Families with an emergency kit and an emergency plan should be more capable of withstanding extended periods of time in which response efforts are restricted by disaster conditions. Organizations and businesses that prepare are generally able to resume operations faster following an event. The more individuals, families, and organizations prepare, the more effective the response will be. It's that simple.

I cannot over stress the vital importance of our partnerships. By design, the emergency management effort is a network of organizations and individuals working together to greatly expand our capabilities. During a disaster, the Emergency Operations Center will expand to prioritize efforts and manage resources, which requires coordination of multiple groups and locations. Our partners are crucial to our efforts to be successful for the residents and visitors of Baldwin County during a time of need.

Volunteers make up a special part of the coordinated response effort. Baldwin County EMA coordinates volunteer efforts through the Baldwin County VOAD, which stands for Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. VOAD provides a single entity with which we communicate unmet needs in our area, and VOAD coordinates with its member groups to meet those needs. This helps to maximize volunteer efficiency by minimizing oversaturation of assistance in one location while another area is suffering

with no help on the way. In Baldwin County, we have many civic groups, faith-based organizations, and other associations that are standing ready to assist in their own way during times of need: We ask that they join with Baldwin County VOAD, stay connected, and be ready! Many commonly think of volunteers only in terms of work boots and heavy lifting, but help is also needed in other ways, from serving meals, answering phones, and performing light clerical work. VOAD meets on a quarterly basis, and membership costs only \$10 per year. Refer to the VOAD page later in this publication for more information.

Although tropical weather is our most prolific natural hazard, other weather events also have the potential to impact Baldwin County. Our partners at the National Weather Service in Mobile provide invaluable information that informs our decisions and recommendations to partner agencies, and our local radio and television meteorologists do an outstanding job of informing the public. We urge our residents and visitors to obtain their weather information from local sources: National television and internet weather sources provide a big-picture perspective and can be entertaining, but nothing can replace the expertise from forecasters who live and work in our area and have a vested interest in keeping our residents and guests safe. Stay weather aware by signing up for local alerts by visiting Alert-Baldwin.com. We strongly encourage having multiple ways of receiving alerts and warnings, and a NOAA weather radio is a must for every household.

Elsewhere in this publication you will find a section dedicated to the BEach SAFE campaign. Here you will find valuable information on staying safe while swimming in the Gulf of America, as well as an appeal to our residents and especially to our tourism industry to help us spread the BEach SAFE word: Visitors are distressingly overrepresented among rip current fatalities along the northern Gulf Coast, and a major effort of this campaign seeks to inform visitors before their feet hit the sand. We need everyone's assistance to ensure that our guests return home with only wonderful memories of Baldwin County with plans of coming back the following year.

By reading this message, you're already showing your interest in staying alert and preparing for disasters. Please take the time to become familiar with the articles that follow, and share with your family, friends, and visitors. It takes all of us to create a Culture of Preparedness!

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"I have lived in Baldwin County my whole life. I was born and raised here. I can remember going through Hurricane Frederic as a child and how there was not an opportunity to get prepared in a timely manner. This was a very scary time for us. I have been through every storm system or weather event since then, and preparedness has come a long way since the days of plotting on paper. Our current EMA

and all the staff are on the cutting edge of preparedness. I am highly confident that the citizens of this county, as well as the visitors, will be given the proper notices needed when having to deal with any severe weather event."

James E. "Jeb" Ball
Baldwin County Commissioner District 1



"The growth and development of Baldwin County is incredible; however, as a commissioner, resident and business owner we all must remember contingency planning and the need to prepare before we are faced with tropical weather. As I am born and raised in Baldwin County, I have maintained a clear understanding of what Baldwin County offers. From Little River to the Gulf Coast, you will find

the most beautiful landscape. We must be ready to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate against storm surge, flooding and other hazards associated with tropical weather events."

Billie Jo Underwood
Baldwin County Commissioner District 3



"As a retired Alabama State Trooper, I have had the opportunity to work on many disasters that have hit the Alabama Gulf Coast during my tenure. I was assigned to the Alabama State Emergency Management Agency as the liaison between state agencies and the local agencies and saw first hand the devastations caused by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sally caused

to our Baldwin County citizens. As a new Commissioner, I feel it is paramount that all residents, visitors, organizations, and businesses have a plan and stay informed. It is very important to prepare and have an evacuation plan for you, your family, and your pets. We as a commission are confident that our Emergency Management Agency is prepared for any emergency that comes our way."

Matthew P. McKenzie
Baldwin County Commissioner District 2



"With more than 35 years experience working with the Baldwin County Highway Department and more than 20 years serving as your county commissioner, I have witnessed many disasters that have impacted our home. It is imperative that we plan as an individual, as a family, as a community and as a county. With the rapid influx of new residents, we want to help provide information for residents to plan appropriately for

natural and man-made disasters. It is equally important that we do not become complacent in our preparedness efforts. Disasters are unpredictable, and we must maintain our state of readiness."

Charles ("Skip") F. Gruber
Baldwin County Commissioner District 4

IT'S ALL HERE

Whether you love the diversity of recreational activities, the incredibly beautiful scenery or the good ol' Southern charm of South Alabama, Baldwin County has it all. Coastal Alabama is a beautiful place to live, work and play. That is evident not only by the millions of visitors to Baldwin County but also with the thousands of people relocating to our area each year. The face of Baldwin County is changing rapidly.

Baldwin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Alabama. We are living in a dynamic and evolving community where we strive to maintain a safe place to reside, work and vacation. Public safety, resilience and support for our community are top priorities for Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). It is this mindset of planning, preparedness and mitigation that Baldwin County EMA, a department within the Baldwin County Commission, has provided this publication.

Our top priority is the safety of our residents and visitors alike. We also understand that education regarding disaster preparedness is critical so that residents can make informed and wise decisions

when it comes to personal safety and property protection. Throughout this publication, we hope you find helpful information and resources that will assist you in emergency preparedness so that you are equipped to respond and that you are knowledgeable of the resources available to you.

Together, we can develop mitigation measures to protect our unique community from hazards that threaten our region. Our economy is heavily dependent on tourism. Public sector, private sector, volunteer organizations and our residents must all work together to ensure that we are prepared, resilient and ready for disasters that may impact our region.

This publication is designed to help inform you, connect you with resources and help you plan and prepare your family, your business and your community for disasters.

Let's prepare together!



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EMPOWERING RESILIENCE

BEING PROACTIVE WITH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

By: Jessica Waters (Community Engagement Coordinator, Baldwin County EMA)

In our fast-paced lives, the belief that disasters will never personally impact us often serves as the primary excuse for neglecting essential preparedness measures. However, the reality is that disasters can strike unexpectedly, causing fear and anxiety. Proactive preparation not only alleviates these concerns but also significantly reduces the overall impact of disasters on individuals, families, and communities.

By taking preventive measures, individuals can potentially avoid some dangers altogether. Disasters, ranging from fires and tornadoes to hurricanes, disrupt lives daily and can have lasting effects that take years to recover or rebuild. Recognizing the local nature of disasters, it is imperative for individuals to

take personal responsibility for preparedness.

While disaster relief organizations may offer temporary assistance, the ultimate responsibility lies with each individual and household. Understanding the hazards specific to your area is key. In Baldwin County, hazards such as hurricanes, severe weather, tornadoes, flooding, extreme heat, earthquakes, and terrorism are acknowledged and planned for by the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency.

To be a prepared resident, it is crucial to assemble essential items that enable self-sufficiency for a minimum of five days. These provisions should include food, water, medications, a weather radio, and more. You will see a

more extensive list of suggested items in this publication.

Establishing and maintaining an Emergency Kit is vital for navigating through disasters effectively.

This publication aims to inspire a more proactive mindset towards disaster preparedness, emphasizing the importance of personal responsibility and self-sufficiency in the face of unexpected events. We are hoping to educate the residents and visitors of Baldwin County with local hazards and steps to mitigate their impacts, so that individuals can empower themselves and their communities to withstand and recover from disasters more effectively.



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.....	https://miscwapps.dot.state.al.us/ECC/
Official State Website.....	www.alabama.gov
Alabama Highway Patrol (www.alea.gov/dps/highway-patrol).....	334-676-6003 (*HP from any cell phone)
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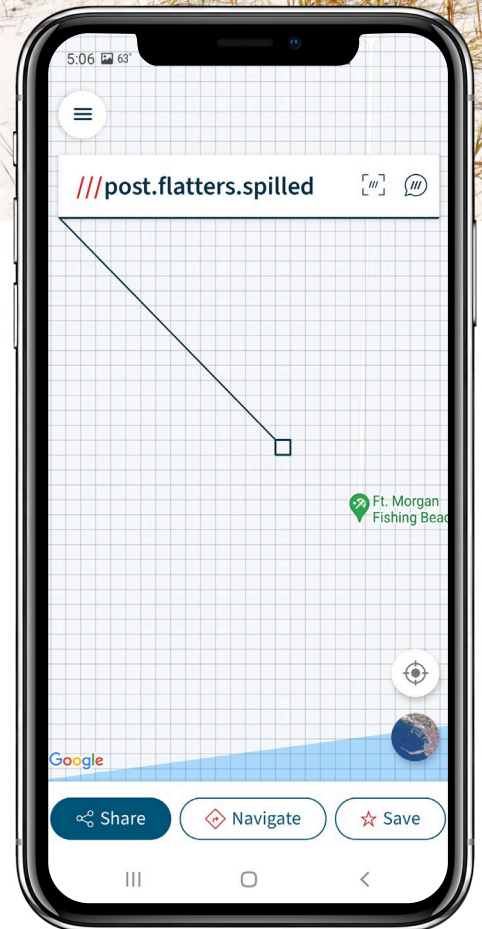
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BALDWIN COUNTY 9-1-1

BEHIND THE CALL: HOW YOUR 9-1-1 CENTER PROTECTS THE COMMUNITY—EVERY DAY AND DURING DISASTERS

By Kristi Stamnes, ENP Director / Baldwin County 9-1-1

When most people think of an emergency, their minds go straight to the flashing lights of fire trucks, patrol cars and ambulances weaving through traffic. But before any of those vehicles ever head to a call, someone has already taken the most critical step in the chain of survival—dialing 9-1-1 and on the other end of that call is a trained professional whose job is as vital as any first responder's. They are the first, first responders ~ dispatchers.

Inside Baldwin County's 9-1-1 communications center, a team of dedicated call takers and dispatchers work around the clock, often unseen, yet always at the heart of public safety. Their professionalism, skill, and steady composure are matched by the advanced technology built to support them. Together, they form the lifeline our community counts on—day in, day out, and especially when disaster strikes. Every emergency call begins with a voice. It may be frantic, frightened, or struggling to remain calm, but on the other side is a call taker/dispatcher trained to cut through the chaos. Telecommunicators undergo extensive, ongoing certification in medical, fire, and law enforcement protocols. They learn to guide callers through CPR, help deliver babies, talk people through choking emergencies, and gather the critical details first responders need—often while managing multiple screens, multiple units, and multiple crises. They are the steady heartbeat of the center, providing calmness when it's needed most, and they do it 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Walk into the Baldwin County 9-1-1 center and you'll

see a carefully designed hub of technology: glowing monitors, detailed digital maps, and a communication system built to perform under pressure. At the core is Next Generation 9-1-1, a system that enhances emergency number services to create a faster, more resilient system that allows voice, photos, videos, and text messages to flow seamlessly from the public to the 9-1-1 network. This advanced system improves our ability to help manage call overload and transfer 9-1-1 calls based on caller location data. Advanced GIS mapping enables call takers to find you even if you aren't sure where you are—an essential tool in rural areas or during weather events. Behind the scenes, our CAD (Computer-Aided Dispatch) keeps first responders connected and coordinated, while redundant radio and communication systems ensure the center remains operational even during infrastructure damage or power outages. These tools do more than support the staff—they help save lives.

If there is a moment when the importance of the 9-1-1 center becomes unmistakably clear, it is during a hurricane or major disaster. As the community prepares—boarding windows, stocking supplies, planning for outages—the center prepares too. Staff members settle into long shifts, backup generators are tested, redundant communication lines are tested, additional personnel are called in, and as soon as winds rise or rain begins to pour, the phones start ringing. During a hurricane, the 9-1-1 center serves as a coordination hub for law enforcement, fire, EMS, public works, utility

companies, and emergency management. Every downed line, every flooded road, every trapped motorist, every medical emergency funnels through the same place. Telecommunicators field call after call, maintaining composure through a surge of requests that can double or triple normal volume. When conditions prevent responders from reaching a caller immediately, dispatchers stay on the line—talking people through first aid, guiding them to safer areas of their home, or helping them remain calm until help can arrive. As the storm passes, the work continues. The center assists with welfare checks, road hazard reports, debris blocking emergency routes, and coordination of recovery resources. For many citizens, 9-1-1 is the first contact they make after assessing the damage around them. It is here, during the worst moments, that the behind-the-scenes professionalism truly shines.

Most people will never see the inside of the 9-1-1 center. It is a place built for focus, clarity, and quick action—a place where every detail matters. But if you were to step inside, you would see the same thing our first responders see every day: dedicated public safety professionals who take their responsibility seriously, who train constantly, who support each other, and who are ready for anything—from the daily emergencies to the once-in-a-generation storms. And if disaster strikes, they will be here—headsets on, screens glowing, radios chattering and phones ringing—guiding the community through it, one call at a time.

BEACH SAFE

HELPING US PROTECT GUESTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES BEFORE THEY ARRIVE



Each year, millions of visitors travel to Baldwin County to experience our beautiful Gulf-beaches. From the white sand to the gentle shoreline, our coast is a destination like no other. But true beach enjoyment includes safety.

The BEach SAFE campaign is a unified effort among Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism (AlabamaBeaches), Gulf Shores Fire Rescue, Orange Beach Fire Department, Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department, Baldwin County 9-1-1, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, National Weather Service in Mobile and departments of the Baldwin County Commission. Together, these organizations share one clear goal: to keep our beaches safe through awareness, education, and personal responsibility.

While lifeguards and first responders remain vigilant, the most effective safety message begins long before anyone steps into the surf. Many water-related incidents involve visitors unfamiliar with our coastal conditions. That's why we're asking residents, property owners, and local businesses to help us share beach safety information early before friends and family arrive.

How You Can Help

Send or post safety info early. Before your guests or

family pack for the beach, share links or flyers that cover flag meanings, daily condition alerts, and rip-current tips.

Display the flag-status info. Use the official flag system so everyone understands current conditions on arrival.

Encourage daily checks. Ask guests to sign up for daily alerts by texting ALBEACHES to 888777.

Lead by example. When you're on the beach, follow the warnings, never swim alone, avoid piers or drop-offs, skip the water during twilight or when the surf is murky. Help new visitors know the rules.

Flag Status (Baldwin County Standard)



Yellow Flag: Caution—moderate currents or surf; conditions require extra awareness.



Red Flag: High hazard—strong surf and/or currents; swimming is dangerous.



Double-Red Flag: Water closed—extreme hazard,

no swimming allowed.



Purple Flag: Marine life hazard—dangerous marine creatures present. Our Collective

Responsibility

Beach safety is truly a community effort. It doesn't begin when visitors step onto the sand—it begins when a friend says, "Don't forget to check the flag," when a host shares the condition link, or when a neighbor warns their out-of-town guests that "today might be a yellow flag day." By taking that extra step, you help protect lives, preserve our reputation as a safe destination, and ensure everyone leaves with only great memories.

Stay current on conditions and safety information by visiting <https://www.gulfshores.com/beach-water-activities/beaches/beach-flag-warning-system/>

Let's all do our part to keep our beaches safe!



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MOBILE/PENSACOLA

By: Jessica Chace (Warning Coordination Meteorologist)

Did you know that all of the weather watches and warnings for Baldwin County come from local meteorologists living in this community? That's right! The National Weather Service (NWS) in Mobile, AL, is responsible for the forecasts, watches, warnings, and advisories for 20 Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida counties, including Baldwin County. We operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Even on Christmas morning, at least two meteorologists are working. If it's like the Christmas of 2012 when tornadoes impacted our region, that number is quadrupled!

The NWS is a federal agency comprising 122 Weather Forecast Offices around the county, each with its own County Warning Area. A smaller area of counties or parishes allows us to provide localized information to our partners and the communities we serve. Our mission is to "provide weather, water, and climate data, forecasts, warnings, and impact-based decision support services for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the national economy." Simply put, we are here to protect life and property, and countless people are working around the clock to ensure we can meet our mission. Every local NWS office is made up of around 15 meteorologists, three electronic technicians, an Information Technology Office, and an Administrative Service Assistant, all of whom work

diligently to ensure that we have the resources and capabilities to meet our mission.

During quiet weather, we work closely with our partners through meetings and detailed exercises. When significant weather approaches, we routinely brief state, county, and city leaders on what to expect so they can make the best decisions for their residents. After the storm, we conduct post-storm surveys to accurately assess storm damage and provide weather updates to emergency responders as they respond to the storm's aftermath. At the same time, we provide the public with up-to-date information before, during, and after a storm that is available on our website (weather.gov/mob) and Facebook and X (@NWSMobile). You can also reach us at (251) 633-6443. Have you ever heard a tornado warning and wondered where that came from? It came directly from your local National Weather Service office!

What are some ways you can prepare for hazardous weather before it happens? Have a plan! It's important to know where you are located and what type of weather hazards your location may have, even on vacation! Having a plan helps you be better prepared so that when the bad weather strikes, you can put your plan into action and protect yourself and your loved ones. Also, staying weather aware is essential so you know beforehand when you may

have to implement your safety plan. We encourage everybody to have more than one way of receiving critical weather alerts. There are several methods of obtaining warnings: weather radios, cell phones, local TV, and radio. We encourage everybody to ensure they have a weather safety plan. For Baldwin County residents, this means not just knowing what to do in the event of a tornado or flood but having a plan developed ahead of time for when the next hurricane approaches. Your local National Weather Service and Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency can provide helpful information to help develop your plan!

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Rene
Sally
Teddy
Vicky
Wilfred**

STORM TERMINOLOGY

Storm Surge Warning: There is a danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours. If you are under a storm surge warning, check for evacuation orders from your local officials.

Hurricane Warning: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified area. NHC issues a hurricane warning 36 hours in advance of tropical storm-force winds to give you time to complete your preparations. All preparations should be complete. Evacuate immediately if so ordered.

Tropical Storm Warning: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within your area within 36 hours.

Extreme Wind Warning: Extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (115 mph or

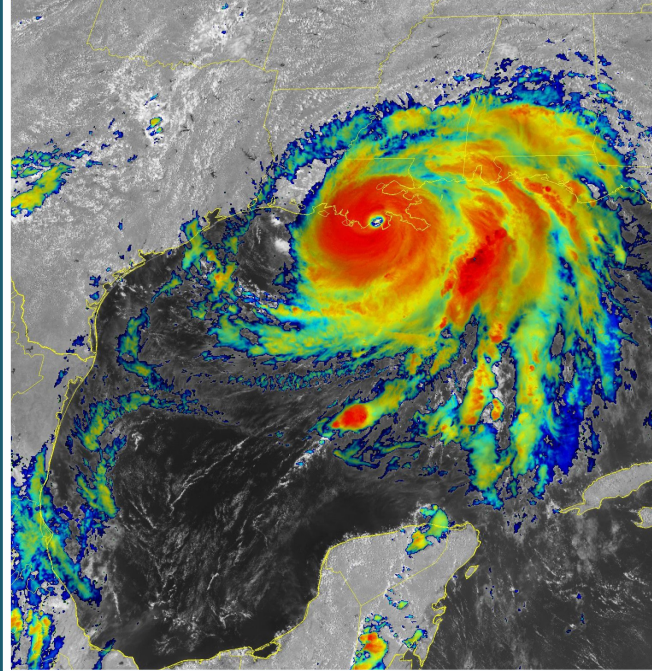
greater), usually associated with the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour. Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

Storm Surge Watch: There is a possibility of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 48 hours.

Hurricane Watch: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are possible within your area. Because it may not be safe to prepare for a hurricane once winds reach tropical storm force, The NHC issues hurricane watches 48 hours before it anticipates

tropical storm-force winds.

Tropical Storm Watch: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.



STAY ALERT BALDWIN PREPAREDNESS STARTS WITH YOU



1

KNOW YOUR RISKS & POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- Identify your evacuation zone
- Understand local hazards
- Recognize official warnings and alerts



2

CREATE YOUR PREPAREDNESS PLAN

- Communicate with family and neighbors
- Strengthen your home and property
- Review insurance, supplies, and documents



3

STAY INFORMED & CONNECTED

- Follow trusted local media sources
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio and NWS Mobile
- Sign up for AlertBaldwin notifications



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SHELTERS OF LAST RESORT

INFORMATION ABOUT BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION SHELTERS

By: Amanda Thweatt (Operations Division Manager, Baldwin County EMA)

The shelters of last resort are opened on an as needed basis once the Baldwin County Commission declares a State of Local Emergency due to the threat of a tropical storm or hurricane. The two main facilities will be the Baldwin County Coliseum in Robertsedale, and the Baldwin County Level II Shelter in Bay Minette. The county is happy to provide this space to residents that are unable to leave the county, but need a safer place to stay until hurricane conditions have subsided and it is safe for residents to return home.

What is provided at the shelters?

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a light snack between meals. Though we try to have a menu that all can eat, we are aware that there are some dietary restrictions we cannot meet, therefore, please bring any foods that you need to meet your dietary needs (at least 3 days). Baldwin County EMA will have a limited number of cots, blankets, and pillows available. Amenities provided will be washer & dryer, restrooms, and showers.

We welcome you to drive to the shelter, but be aware Baldwin County EMA, Baldwin County Commission and the owner of the shelter are not responsible for damage sustained to the vehicle by other shelter residents or storm impacts. You may also call Baldwin Regional Area Transportation Systems (BRATS) at 251-972-6817 to schedule a ride to the Baldwin County Shelter. Once a State of Local Emergency has been declared, BRATS will WAIVE fees to and from the shelters.

What do you need to bring to the shelter?

Personal care items (i.e. toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towels, washcloths, deodorant, etc.), at least 3 days' worth of clothes per person, personal identification, medications, cell phone and charger, sleeping bags, blankets and pillows are suggested as items to bring to a shelter.

You will be required to register with the administration staff. Photo identification is required. If you need to leave for any reason, please sign in and out with shelter staff, and let them know if you do not plan to return to the shelter.

Security will be provided at each of the shelters by local law enforcement.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

A FEW SUGGESTED ITEMS:



- ☐ Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- ☐ Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food) & Manual can opener
- ☐ Weather Radio
- ☐ Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- ☐ First Aid Kit & Medications
- ☐ Cell Phone with Backup Charger & Battery
- ☐ Copies of Important Documents
- ☐ Whistle (to signal for help)
- ☐ Hygiene Items
- ☐ Moist Towelettes, Garbage bags and Plastic Ties (for personal sanitation)
- ☐ Generators & Fuel

BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

EVACUATION INFORMATION

NAVIGATING EVACUATIONS AND KEY GUIDANCE

By: Amanda Thweatt (Operations Division Manager, Baldwin County EMA)

Evacuations may be ordered under circumstances where lives are in danger due to a threat. For example, evacuations may be ordered because of a fire, gas leak, hazardous materials accident, flood or tropical weather. If at any time circumstances exist where you or your family feel threatened or endangered, you may choose to leave your home, school, or workplace to avoid those situations. There are two types of evacuations affiliated with hurricanes: mandatory and voluntary. Mandatory evacuations are orders issued by the Governor of Alabama. Voluntary evacuation orders may be issued in advance of hurricane impacts prior to the mandatory evacuation. Anytime there is an evacuation order, please follow the guidance of the local officials and leave the danger area!

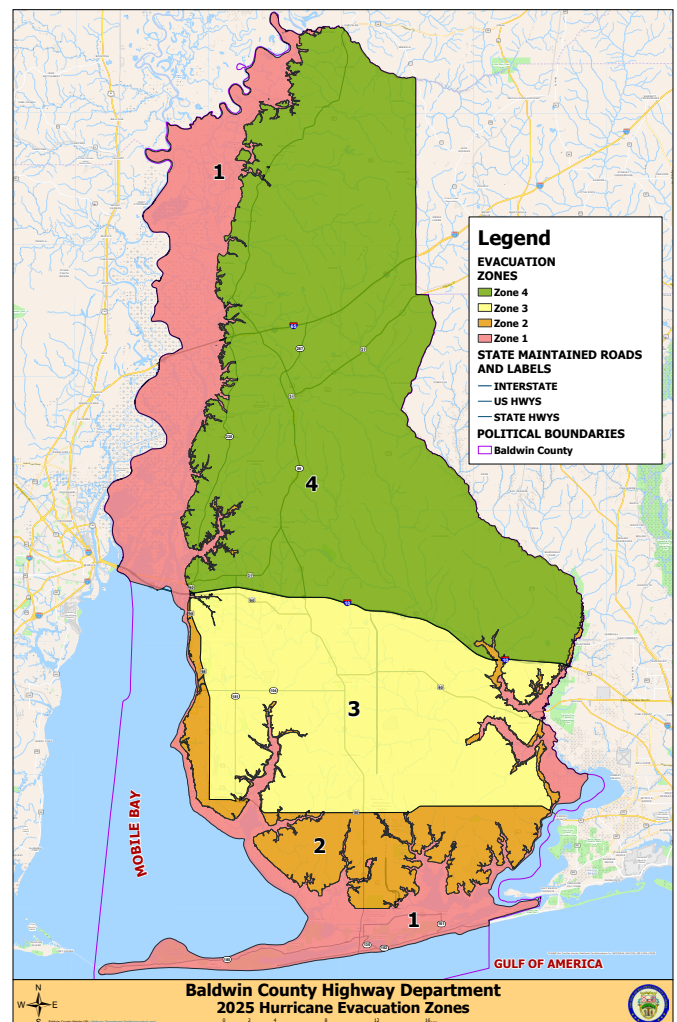
Baldwin County EMA releases pertinent information to the public on shelter openings and evacuations through public service announcements. During a state of local emergency, Baldwin County residents with no means of transportation will need to contact Baldwin Regional Area Transportation System (BRATS) for home pick-up service and transport to local shelters. BRATS has buses readily available for wheelchair bound clients. Following the execution of a mandatory evacuation order, BRATS will suspend its fees and additionally transport residents wishing to evacuate the county

to pre-designated Evacuation Pick-up Points (PUPs), BRATS may be contacted by calling: (251) 972-6817.

Citizens who are non-ambulatory, bed-bound or who have special medical conditions should contact local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for assistance.

Once a local state of emergency or mandatory evacuation order has been issued, EMS professionals will begin picking up South Baldwin, Eastern Shore, and Central Baldwin residents and will transport them to local hospitals and local medical needs shelters and electrical support shelters.

Residents are encouraged to schedule transportation with local EMS professionals in advance. Please be aware, a fee could be charged.



FLOOD INFORMATION

BE AWARE OF FLOOD INFORMATION PERTAINING TO BALDWIN COUNTY

FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES

Every year, flooding causes more property damage in the United States than any other type of natural disaster. There are many ways you can help protect your property and your possessions from flood damage. Property protection measures publications and assistance is available to you by contacting the Baldwin County Building Department at (251) 972-6837 or by visiting your local libraries.

MAP OF THE LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD

The Baldwin County Building Department maintains Federal Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). These maps are available for public inspection during normal business hours or can be accessed on the Building Department website at www.BaldwinCountyAL.gov. They may also be viewed at your local library. Upon written request, you may obtain a Flood Determination of your property as it relates to a local flood hazard area by contacting the Baldwin County Building Department at (251) 972-6837. Copies of Elevation Certificates can also be obtained at this office and from their website.

FLOOD HAZARD

To determine if your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), contact the Baldwin County Building Department at (251) 972-6837 or view the flood maps on their website.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

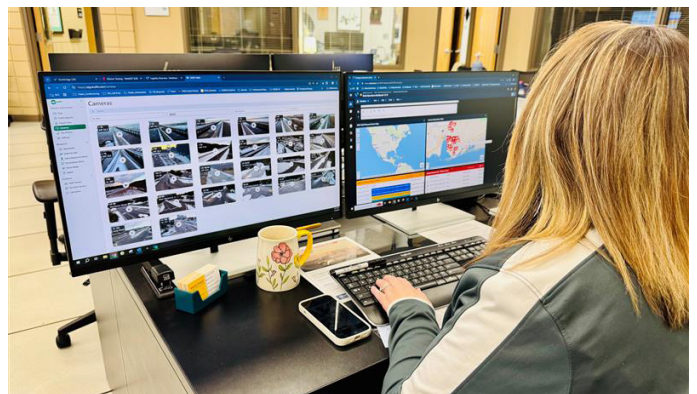
Baldwin County's Emergency Management Agency wants to encourage residents and visitors to sign up for local, emergency alerts by visiting AlertBaldwin.com. This system allows National Weather Service of Mobile to provide emergency notifications for hazardous weather and/or emergency incidents, such as flooding. In the event of flood hazards, tune into local radio and TV stations for information. For additional information on Baldwin County's Flood Warning Threat Recognition Program or a list of the area television and radio stations contact the Emergency Management Agency at (251) 972-6807.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Within the floodplains of Baldwin County, ALL development, not just construction, require permits. Extra requirements are involved when developing in the floodplain. Before you alter (fill, grade, clear, etc.) your property, construct a building or otherwise develop your property, contact the Baldwin County Building Department at (251) 972-6837; the Planning & Zoning Department at (251) 580-1655; and the Highway Subdivision Permitting Department at (251) 937-0278 to determine if you will be required to obtain a permit or to report any possible unauthorized development within the floodplain.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Most mortgage lenders require flood insurance based on the location and elevation of the property. Flood damage, unlike wind damage, is not covered by homeowner's policies and must be purchased separately. All properties secured by a federally backed mortgage must carry flood insurance. Baldwin County is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which provides federally backed flood insurance in communities that enact and enforce floodplain regulations. Baldwin County began its participation in the National Flood Insurance (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) Program in 1994. Baldwin County currently holds a Class 7 CRS rating, which equates to a 15% discount on new or renewing flood insurance policies for all SFHA properties. For additional information regarding the NFIP or CRS Program, contact the office of the Baldwin County Building Department at (251) 972-6837 or Planning & Zoning Department at (251) 580-1655.



PET-FRIENDLY EMERGENCY SHELTER PLAN



In August 2025, the Baldwin County Commission approved the county's Pet-Friendly Emergency Shelter Plan, marking a major advancement in supporting residents and their companion animals during disasters and evacuations.

Developed in partnership with the Baldwin County Animal Shelter and the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), this new plan designates the Baldwin County Coliseum in Robertsdale as the county's official pet-friendly shelter of last resort during declared emergencies such as hurricanes.

SHELTER HIGHLIGHTS

Location: Baldwin County Coliseum, 19477 Fairground Road, Robertsdale

Pets Accepted: Domestic cats and dogs (limit two per household)

Requirements: All pets must have up-to-date rabies and core vaccinations

Registration: On-site pre-registration available during shelter admission

Care: Owners must bring crates, food, water, and

supplies; owners remain responsible for their pets' care throughout the shelter stay

Transportation: BRATS (Baldwin Regional Area Transit System) will assist with transportation for residents and their crated pets during declared evacuations. To arrange transportation, call (251) 972-6817.

This facility is not equipped to house exotic pets, livestock, or animals considered aggressive or dangerous. Residents with larger or special-needs animals are encouraged to make alternative shelter arrangements in advance.

For more information—including downloadable admission forms, pet supply checklists, and shelter guidelines—visit BaldwinCountyAL.gov/EMA/Shelters/Pet-Shelter-Information or call (251) 972-6807.

These updates reflect Baldwin County's continued commitment to ensuring that every member of the family (two-legged and four-legged alike) has a safe place during times of need.

Gulf Shores Utilities

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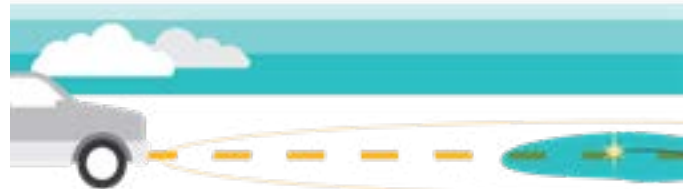
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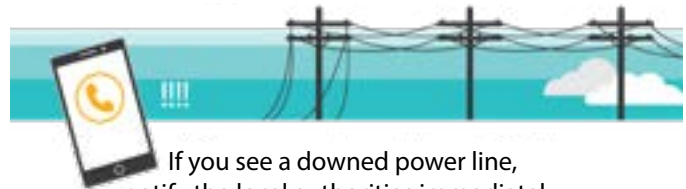
If you see a downed power line,
assume it's energized and dangerous.
Avoid going near it or putting anything in contact with it.



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to
35 ft. away - so keep your distance.



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water that's touching the power line.



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STAY INFORMED

HOW TO STAY ALERT, CONNECTED, AND PREPARED IN BALDWIN COUNTY

By: Jessica Waters (Community Engagement Coordinator, Baldwin County EMA)

When an emergency happens, information spreads quickly. Unfortunately, so can misinformation. In Baldwin County, we know that staying informed with accurate, local updates can make all the difference. The more connected you are to trusted sources, the safer you and your family will be when it matters most.

STAY CONNECTED WITH ALERT BALDWIN

The official emergency notification system for Baldwin

County is Alert Baldwin. It delivers important information directly to your phone or email during severe weather and other urgent situations. These alerts come from Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency, Baldwin County 9-1-1, and other authorized local partners.

Residents and visitors can sign up online at www.AlertBaldwin.com. Once registered, you'll receive real-time updates specific to your area.

THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE

During a crisis, social media can help spread valuable information, but it can also cause confusion. Before you repost or forward something, take a moment to check where it came from. Look for the original source and a time stamp. Make sure the information comes from an official government page, law enforcement agency, or verified local media outlet.

If you are unsure about something, do not share it. False or outdated information can lead to panic and may slow down real emergency operations.

INFORMATION IS POWER

Accurate information can save lives, but it only helps if people know where to find it. Make sure you and your family are signed up for alerts, know where to look for updates, and stay calm when information begins to circulate. Share official resources with friends and neighbors so everyone can stay informed together.

For more information about emergency alerts, safety tools, and preparedness programs, visit BaldwinCountyAL.gov/EMA or follow Baldwin County EMA on social media. Staying informed is one of the simplest and most powerful ways you can help protect our community.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CYBERSECURITY

01

PASSWORDS

Create complex passwords that combine letters, numbers, and symbols. Avoid using the same password across multiple sites.

02

AUTHENTICATION

Add an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of verification, such as a text message or authentication app.

03

SOFTWARE UPDATES

Keep your operating system, software, and applications up-to-date to protect against vulnerabilities and security threats.

04

PHISHING SCAMS

Be cautious with emails, messages, or links from unknown sources. Verify the sender and avoid clicking on anything suspicious.

05

BACKUP DATA

Regularly back up important data to an external drive or cloud storage. This ensures you can recover your information.

www.BaldwinCountyAL.gov/EMA



FIRE SAFETY

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY AWARENESS

By: Cornel Orisa (Deputy Fire Marshal, Daphne Fire Department)

Fire departments nationwide, including Daphne Fire Department, have just concluded Fire Prevention Month for October. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) since 1925 selects a new theme each year to highlight an area of growing concern and promote fire safety awareness.

This year's theme, **"Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium Batteries Inside Your Home,"** focused on the safe use, storage, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries. Over the past number of years these batteries have become a large part of our everyday life. These batteries are in our phones, earbuds, tablets, laptops, power tools, lawn equipment, toys, mobility devices, and even electric vehicles which are driven daily on the roads.

While lithium-ion batteries offer great convenience and efficiency, they also come with certain risks. A study conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) over a five-year period discovered more than 25,000 reported fires linked to lithium batteries, an average of 5,000 incidents each year nationwide. The demand for lithium batteries will only continue to increase.

Lithium-ion batteries store a lot of energy into a small compartment. If that stored energy is released improperly due to misuse, damage, or faulty components it can lead to fires, intense heat, toxic chemical release, or even explosions. Batteries that are actively charging are at the greatest risk for failure. It is important to unplug charging devices once the battery is fully charged. Avoid charging large items, such as scooters or e-bikes, near exits or doorways. If a battery does fail and ignite, you'll want to have a clear path to escape. Make sure your device, charger, and battery have been tested by a nationally recognized testing agency such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories), ETL, or CSA. These agencies conduct important safety evaluations like overcharge, thermal, and vibration tests to ensure the product performs safely. Avoid

products that lack the independent testing label, this includes inexpensive or generic chargers and batteries. Only use charger and batteries that were specifically designed to be used with your device. Stop using the device immediately if you notice any odor, change in color, intense heat, change in shape such as swelling, or any odd noises such as popping. If safe to do so, move the device away from any that can burn, preferably outside away from any buildings and call 911 immediately. Lastly, never place a lithium battery in the trash, instead visit call2recycle.org to find a lithium-ion battery recycling facility near you.

For more information and safety tips on lithium-ion batteries visit NFPA.org or reach out to your local fire department.



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SENIOR CONSIDERATIONS

BALDWIN COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

By: Kelly Childress (Director, Council on Aging)

FUNCTIONAL ACCESS AND MEDICAL NEEDS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Evacuating your home is difficult under any circumstance, but for individuals with medical, functional access or special needs, the evacuation process requires a bit more planning effort. Having a plan will alleviate some of the stress and anxiety that often accompanies disasters. Talk to your doctor to include an emergency supply of essential medications in your emergency kit. Filling prescriptions after a disaster or out of state can be challenging following a disaster. It's a good idea to include critical medical documents in your emergency kit with your other important documents. Should you evacuate and require medical attention, it will be helpful to have your medical records for responders.

CAREGIVER'S GUIDE FOR SHELTERING & EVACUATING

Caregivers may have special considerations and additional items to supplement the standard emergency kit should an emergency or evacuation occur. Considerations will be dependent on the individual needs of the patient. Some considerations may include:

- Special equipment for respiratory, dietary or mobility
- Personal care items
- Medications
- Communication needs
- Service animals and supplies for the service animal
- Electrical needs for supportive equipment

HURRICANE REASSURANCE - S.E.E.K. PROGRAM

Senior Essentials Emergency Kit (SEEK)

The Baldwin County Council on Aging is helping the elderly homebound and seniors in their preparedness planning. Seniors who will be evacuating to a shelter OR staying home in the event of a hurricane can both benefit from this program.

This program emphasizes the importance of an evacuation plan, assisting seniors in gathering and organizing important information, emergency contacts, identifying special needs, shelter or evacuation options. Participants in the SEEK program will be contacted prior Hurricane Season and an impending Hurricane to make certain they have an

updated plan in place. If you or someone you know is a senior, homebound or will be evacuating to a shelter please call the Council on Aging at 251-972-8506.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals will be impacted by disasters just as people are. Be patient with your service animals as well as pets as they find a routine and adapt to evacuation, relocation or the return to damaged property.

- Identification
- Food and water
- Veterinary records
- Kennel/crate
- Leash and collar
- Toy or comfort items

DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF DISASTERS

Remember to be patient during the aftermath of a disaster. Understand that clean up and recovery will take time. The anger, disbelief, anxiety and depression are natural responses to a traumatic event. Many even find themselves on an emotional roller-coaster. Know that you are NOT alone. Be mindful that the impacts of stress will affect young children and older adults more significantly. Here are some identifiers that indicate stress:

- Irritability
- Depression
- Confusion
- Anxiety
- Hyperactivity
- Eating disorders
- Sleeping disorders
- Exhaustion

Additional love and support to disaster victims will be critical to helping them cope. People need reassurance that they are safe and that life will return to normal. Some things that you can do to help alleviate some of the symptoms of stress are:

- Eat healthy
- Exercise
- Talk with counselors, spiritual leaders or trusted friends
- Try to maintain a schedule where you consistently rest and eat at regular intervals.

RETURNING HOME

NAVIGATING THE RETURN AFTER A DISASTER

By: Jessica Waters (Community Engagement Coordinator, Baldwin County EMA)

The aftermath of a disaster can be a challenging and emotional time for residents as they navigate the process of returning home and rebuilding their lives. Here are some essential tips to consider as you safely return home after a disaster:

For Official Clearance: Before returning home after a disaster, wait for official clearance from local authorities and Baldwin County EMA. Even if the immediate danger has passed, there may still be hazards such as unstable structures, downed power lines, or contaminated water that pose risks to residents. Follow evacuation orders and instructions from local authorities

to ensure your safety.

Assess the Damage: Once you have been cleared to return home, assess the damage to your property carefully. Take photographs or videos of any damage for insurance purposes and documentation. Be cautious when entering your home, as structural damage may not be immediately visible, and hazards may be present.

Check Utilities: Before re-entering your home, check utilities such as water, gas, and electricity. If you suspect any damage or if utilities have been turned off during the evacuation, contact the appropriate authorities or utility companies

for assistance. Do not attempt to turn utilities back on yourself.

Be Mindful of Health Risks: After a disaster, there may be health risks associated with returning home, such as mold, contaminated water, or hazardous materials. Take precautions to protect yourself and your family by wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and masks, when cleaning up debris or handling damaged materials. Follow guidelines from health authorities to minimize health risks.

Plan for Recovery: As you begin the recovery process, develop a plan for rebuilding and restoring your home and community. Work with local authorities, insurance companies, and disaster assistance agencies to access resources and support for recovery efforts. Take one step at a time and prioritize tasks based on safety and necessity.

Stay Informed: Stay informed about recovery efforts, assistance programs, and community resources through official channels such as the Baldwin County EMA, local government websites, and community organizations. Regularly check for updates and follow instructions from authorities to ensure a smooth recovery process.

Returning home after a disaster can be a daunting task, but with careful planning, patience, and support, residents can rebuild and recover. For more information and resources on disaster recovery, visit our website or contact our office.



REPORT STORM DAMAGE

www.BaldwinCountyAL.gov/EMA



BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

STAYING IN BUSINESS AFTER DISASTER

A GUIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Yolanda Devine Johnson (Business Advisor, Alabama Small Business Development Center)

Disasters can strike without warning, disrupting lives and businesses alike. As a business advisor with the Alabama Small Business Development Center, www.asbdc.org, you understand that resilience is critical. Below are practical strategies to help small businesses recover and thrive after a disaster:

1. PRIORITIZE SAFETY AND SECURE YOUR ASSETS

- **Ensure Physical Safety:** Protect employees and customers during and after the disaster. Follow evacuation plans and safety protocols.
- **Assess Property Damage:** Conduct a thorough inspection to identify structural or equipment damage.
- **Protect Vital Records:** Backup critical documents and digital files. Cloud storage solutions can safeguard data even during disasters.

2. COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY

- **Inform Your Team:** Keep employees updated on the status of operations and recovery efforts.
- **Stay Connected with Customers:** Use social media, email, or text alerts to inform customers of closures, reopening dates, or changes in services.

3. ASSESS FINANCIAL HEALTH

- **Evaluate Losses:** Document damages and calculate the financial impact to prepare for insurance claims or loan applications.
- **Review Cash Flow:** Prioritize expenses, delay non-essential purchases, and create a recovery budget.

4. LEVERAGE AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- **Access Disaster Assistance:** Programs like SBA Disaster Loans, FEMA assistance, and state resources can provide financial relief.
- **Seek Professional Guidance:** Connect with advisors at local SBDCs for tailored advice.

5. REASSESS YOUR BUSINESS PLAN

- **Adapt to New Norms:** Consider shifting to e-commerce, diversifying revenue streams, or adjusting product offerings to meet changing customer needs.
- **Strengthen Business Continuity Plans:** Build a robust disaster preparedness strategy to minimize disruptions in the future.

6. ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

- **Partner with Local Businesses:** Collaborative efforts can lead to mutual support and shared

recovery efforts.

- **Highlight Resilience:** Share your recovery story with customers to inspire loyalty and demonstrate strength.

7. BUILD RESILIENCE FOR THE FUTURE

- **Invest in Insurance:** Review and update policies to cover potential risks.
- **Diversify Supply Chains:** Ensure alternative suppliers are available to avoid bottlenecks.
- **Train Your Team:** Provide disaster-response training to employees for enhanced readiness.

CONCLUSION

Recovering from a disaster is challenging but achievable with the right steps. By staying organized, leveraging resources, and planning for the future, small businesses can not only survive but emerge stronger.

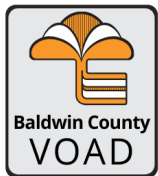
For personalized support and resources, reach out to the Alabama Small Business Development Center. We're here to help you navigate the path to recovery. www.asbdc.org



VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF BALDWIN COUNTY VOAD IN DISASTER RESPONSE

By: Jessica Waters (Community Engagement Coordinator, Baldwin County EMA)



In times of crisis, the strength of a community is measured not just by the efficiency of its emergency services, but also by the collective response of its citizens and organizations. In Baldwin County, we recognize the paramount importance of coordination, communication, and collaboration among various entities during times of disaster. This is precisely why the Baldwin County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (BCVOAD) plays a pivotal role in ensuring our community's resilience and recovery.

At the heart of BCVOAD lies a simple yet powerful mission: to foster efficient and coordinated service to people in Baldwin County affected by disaster while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort.

BCVOAD serves as a platform for diverse volunteer organizations including churches, private businesses, nonprofits, Chambers of Commerce, and more. We know that so many of these organizations in our area have a heart to serve and will likely be helping our community following a major disaster. BCVOAD is meant to serve as the coordination of those resources and volunteers.

In times of crisis, the importance of BCVOAD cannot be overstated. Here's why:

1. By pooling resources, expertise, and manpower, BCVOAD ensures that assistance reaches those in need swiftly and efficiently. Rather than working alone, member organizations collaborate seamlessly, maximizing the impact of their efforts.

2. Disasters often leave communities grappling

with several challenges, from shelter and food to medical care and emotional support. BCVOAD facilitates a disaster response that ensures no aspect of recovery is overlooked.

3. In the chaotic aftermath of a disaster, the risk of duplication of efforts is high, leading to inefficiencies and wasted resources. BCVOAD serves as a central coordinating body, streamlining efforts, ensuring that resources are allocated fairly, and maximizing the impact of every dollar and volunteer hour contributed.

4. Ultimately, the goal of BCVOAD extends beyond immediate disaster response. By fostering collaboration and coordination among diverse stakeholders, BCVOAD contributes to the long-term resilience of our communities. Through shared knowledge, resources, and best practices, BCVOAD empowers communities to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from future disasters.

As we navigate the uncertainties of an ever-changing world, the importance of organizations like BCVOAD cannot be overstated.

At Baldwin EMA, we are proud to support BCVOAD and the invaluable work the organization does in keeping our community strong. There's a good chance, if you've met anyone from Baldwin EMA, you've heard us speak about VOAD. This is because we know how important it is to continue recruiting membership for VOAD. If your organization is interested in becoming a member, please visit baldwincountyal.gov/EMA/VOAD. We look forward to seeing you at the quarterly meetings.



SAFER PLACES

A COMMUNITY DRIVEN RESOURCE FOR BALDWIN COUNTY

In Baldwin County, the safety of residents and visitors is a top priority, especially during severe weather events. While shelters are a critical resource, Safer Places offer an alternative option for those needing a safe place during hazardous conditions. Unlike designated shelters, Safer Places are community-based facilities like churches, businesses, or other local establishments that voluntarily open their doors to those seeking refuge from severe weather.

It is important to understand that Safer Places are not formal shelters. They are not operated, managed, or inspected by Baldwin County or the State of Alabama. Instead, they are made available through the goodwill of local organizations that want to help keep the community safe during emergencies. Safer Places offer a temporary location to wait out storms, but they may not have the same resources or level of oversight as official shelters.

To ensure a safer environment, Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) encourages local businesses, churches, and other community spaces to consider becoming a registered Safer Place. By registering, these locations can be listed as available options for residents and visitors in need during severe weather. It's an opportunity for local organizations to give back to the community by providing an extra layer of safety when it's needed most.

If your business or place

of worship is interested in becoming a Safer Place, reach out to the Baldwin County EMA for more information on how to register. Together, we can create

a stronger, safer community in Baldwin County, ready to face whatever challenges come our way.



What are Safer Places?

Safer Places is a program signed into law by Governor Ivey in 2021 which provides limited liability protection for any organization that opens their doors to the public seeking short-term refuge during severe weather events. This is not a long-term shelter of last resort.

Why is the Safer Places program needed?

An RV or mobile home is not the place to be when severe weather occurs, and Baldwin County has hundreds of RV parks and many living in mobile homes. Their occupants need a Safer Place to take refuge, and any foundation-built structure is better than an RV!

What are the terms of Safer Places?

By enrolling as a Safer Place, your organization is shielded from liability for things that could occur that are beyond your control during a weather event. The facility is opened to the public "at will", and is not expected to provide food, water, or any other services before, during, or after a severe weather event: You are simply providing a Safer Place until it is safe for them to depart. Your organization must agree to a non-discrimination policy, and we ask that you coordinate with Baldwin County EMA regarding opening and closing your facility to the public.

Who can participate in Safer Places?

Churches, civic clubs, private businesses, and volunteer organizations are prime candidates to serve their communities by providing this service.

Inquire Today!



Contact Us:

251-972-6807

bcema@baldwincountyal.gov

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

PREPAREDNESS FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND VOLUNTEERS

The Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) is excited to announce a range of upcoming training programs aimed at strengthening the skills and readiness of both emergency personnel and the wider community. Currently, BCEMA staff are diligently working to obtain the necessary certifications that will enable them to teach a variety of Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses. These essential courses are designed to help participants understand how to respond to emergencies effectively and coordinate with other agencies during times of crisis.

Additionally, BCEMA is collaborating with several key partners, including FEMA's Emergency Management Institute and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). These partnerships will help bring even more training opportunities to Baldwin County's first responders and emergency preparedness partners, enhancing the county's overall readiness and response



capabilities.

Stay tuned for more information on these training opportunities. Whether you are a first responder, an emergency preparedness professional, or local volunteer, BCEMA's upcoming classes will provide

valuable skills to help make Baldwin County a safer place for all. Future course offerings and training dates will be posted on BCEMA's website and social media channels.



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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

TEXT ALBEACHES TO 888777



Visit AlertBaldwin.com

TORNADO SHELTERS

The Baldwin County Commission owns or has access to community safe rooms for Tropical Weather events, but these are not designed for the quick access needed in severe storms and tornadoes. Any tornado shelters in Baldwin County are privately owned.

The county shelters of last resort/safe rooms (listed on our website: baldwincountyal.gov) are opened as needed during a hurricane.

Those staying in condos, RV sites, and mobile home communities should speak to managers/owners at the facility about where they recommend sheltering on or off site.

We also recommend seeking shelter with friends or family if you have loved ones nearby, especially for those who live in mobile or manufactured homes.

The primary consideration should be individual and family plan identification of a safer place for severe weather and tornadoes.

SHELTERING IN PLACE, OR SAFER PLACES

Whether you are at home, work or anywhere else you frequent regularly, there may be situations when it's best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside.

HERE ARE SOME INDICATORS AND STEPS TO TAKE IF THE SITUATION ARISES:

- Use common sense and available information to assess the situation and determine if there is immediate danger.
- Watch TV and listen to the radio often for official news and instructions as they become available.
- Bring your family and pets inside.
- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
- Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
- Go into an interior room on the lowest floor with the fewest windows
- Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.

IF YOU'RE IN YOUR CAR, DO NOT TRY TO OUTFRAN A TORNADO. ADDITIONALLY:

- Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.
- Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.

EVEN AFTER A TORNADO PASSES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO STAY ALERT AND USE CAUTION WHEN CLEARING DEBRIS.

- Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.
- Wear appropriate gear during clean-up, such as thick-soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves, and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.
- Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told they are safe.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TORNADO WATCH AND A TORNADO WARNING

- Tornado Watch: Be Prepared! Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.
- Tornado Warning: Take Action! A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your local forecast office. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

DISASTER EDUCATION WEBSITES:

Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) - www.baldwincountyal.gov/ema

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - www.fema.gov

Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) - www.ema.alabama.gov

Be Ready Campaign - www.ready.gov

Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry - www.atsdr.cdc.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov/disasters

Citizen Corps - www.citizencorps.gov

Department of Commerce - www.doc.gov

Department of Education - www.ed.gov

Baldwin County Board of Education - www.bcbe.org/

Department of Energy - www.energy.gov

Department of Health and Human Services - www.hhs.gov/disasters

Department of Homeland Security - www.dhs.gov

Alabama Department of Homeland Security - www.alea.gov/office-of-the-secretary/homeland-security

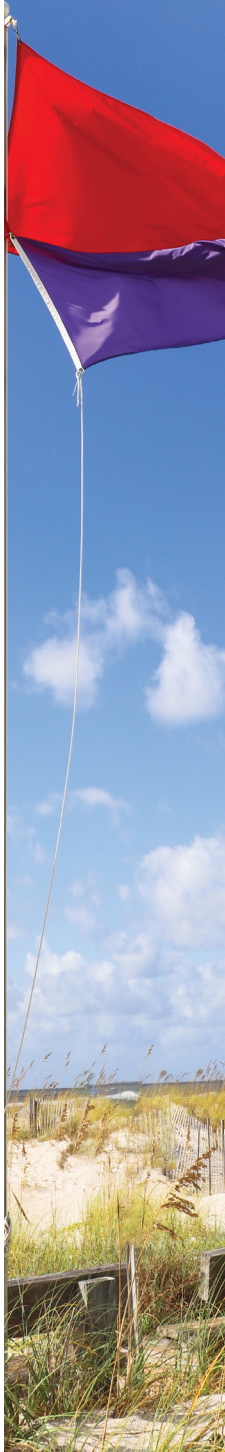
National Fire Protection Association - www.nfpa.org

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - noaa.gov and

National Weather Service of Mobile (NWS) - weather.gov/mob/



GULF SHORES &
ORANGE BEACH
TOURISM



Beach flag **WARNING SYSTEM**



YELLOW
Moderate surf
and/or currents



SINGLE RED
High surf
and/or currents



DOUBLE RED
Waters closed
to public



PURPLE
Dangerous
marine life

FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE

BALDWIN COUNTY'S CORONER SYSTEM HAS EVOLVED SIGNIFICANTLY ALONGSIDE THE COUNTY'S RAPID POPULATION GROWTH.

Huey Mack Sr. served as Baldwin County Coroner from 1976 to 2006, working directly out of his funeral home office. During his tenure, Baldwin County's population grew from about 70,000 residents in 1976 to approximately 168,000 residents in 2006, nearly doubling in 30 years.

Today, Brian Pierce serves as the Baldwin County Coroner, taking office in 2019. The county's population has continued to increase at one of the fastest rates in the state. By 2025, Baldwin County surpassed 265,000 residents and is projected to reach more than 295,000 by 2029.

This dramatic growth directly increases the demand on the Coroner's Office, the number of cases investigated each year, and the level of coordination required with hospitals, funeral homes, law enforcement, and emergency management partners.

The Baldwin County Coroner's Office plays an essential role in protecting the health and safety of our community. While many people only think of the coroner during moments of tragedy, the work carried out by this office has a much broader impact. From public health to emergency preparedness, the responsibilities of the Coroner's Office extend far beyond determining the cause and manner of death.

The Baldwin County Coroner's Office investigates all sudden, unexpected, violent, or suspicious deaths in Baldwin County. Their work includes confirming and certifying deaths, completing death certificates, filing child death and other mandated reports, and maintaining accurate and timely records. They also coordinate with funeral homes, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, and state partners to manage unclaimed bodies and assist with disaster-related fatalities. These responsibilities are handled with professionalism, compassion, and deep respect for every individual and family they serve.

One of the most significant duties of the Coroner's Office is record-keeping and reporting. The data compiled locally is sent to state and national databases where it helps identify emerging public health concerns, guides emergency response planning, and supports funding decisions for community safety initiatives. This information is vital in understanding what risks are rising, which populations may be affected, and where prevention efforts are most needed.

Recent trends in Baldwin County reflect national patterns, particularly in the increase of preventable deaths. These include accidental overdoses, motor vehicle fatalities, heat-related illnesses, and other incidents that may be reduced through education, early intervention, and better access to resources. Although every case is unique, the Coroner's Office plays a critical role in identifying where risks are increasing and what factors may be contributing.

By examining these patterns over time, the Coroner's Office helps shine a light on threats to community health and safety. For example, a rise in overdose cases can signal the need for expanded mental health and addiction support. Increases in heat-related deaths can prompt stronger messaging around hydration and extreme heat awareness. Trends in vehicle fatalities often influence roadway improvements, public education campaigns, and enforcement efforts related to impaired or distracted driving.

This data-driven insight allows agencies across Baldwin County to work together more effectively. These collaborations help shape prevention programs, strengthen emergency planning, and support grant funding for health and safety initiatives countywide.



Baldwin Regional Area Transit System, "BRATS," is a department of the Baldwin County Commission. BRATS offers safe, affordable and reliable transportation to help enhance lives, promote a strong economy, protect our environment by reducing traffic congestion and conserve energy. Our transit operation consists of a fleet of over 40 ADA accessible buses. BRATS provides transportation throughout Baldwin County at a minimum mileage-based cost. Funding for BRATS is provided by the fares collected, the Baldwin County Commission and grants from the Federal Transit Administration. To schedule non-emergency transportation with BRATS, please call (251) 972 6817 or download the convenient mobile app, "BRATS On Demand."

Transportation plays a vital role in emergency response in Baldwin County, and BRATS is an active partner with the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency. Our partnership supports the needs of our community by assisting with mass transit evacuations resulting from natural disasters, fires, vehicle accidents, chemical spills, etc. This alliance and properly executed emergency plans aid in lowering the significant risk of loss of life among those dependent on mass transit for evacuation to escape harm's way.

Public transit provides many with increased independence and provides greater access to our community. We believe in "Connecting Communities," so if you have a transportation need, please contact BRATS today!

Ann Simpson,
Director of Transportation

(251) 972-6817
www.ridebrats.com

LOCAL RESOURCES

AREA TELEVISION STATIONS

Channel 3 (ABC) WEAR TV
Channel 5 (CBS) WKRG TV
Channel 10 (NBC) WALA TV
Channel 15 (FOX) WPMI TV
Channel 35 WFGX TV
Channel 44 WJTC TV

AREA RADIO STATIONS

WABB AM 1480
WABB FM 97.5
WABF AM 1480
WQUA FM 102.1
WAVH FM 106.5
WBCA AM 1110
WBHY AM 840
WBHY FM 88.5
WBLX FM 92.5
WCSN FM 105.7
WDLT FM 98.3
WDLT AM 600
WBUB FM 104.1
WMXC FM 99.9
WRKH FM 96.1
WGOK AM 900
WHEP AM 1310
WHIL FM 91.3
WJLQ FM 100.7
WJLQ FM 100.7
WNTM AM 710

WNXP FM 105.5
WKSJ FM 94.9
WPCS FM 89.3
WUWF FM 91
WXBW FM 102.5
WZEW FM 92.1
WTKK FM 101.5
WXWY AM 100
WMOB AM 1360

BALDWIN COUNTY EVACUATION SHELTERS

MASS CARE SHELTERS (GENERAL PUBLIC):

Baldwin County Coliseum
19477 Fairground Road
Robertsdale, AL 36567

BAY MINETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

1311 West 13th St.
Bay Minette, AL 36507

DAPHNE EAST ELEMENTARY

26651 County Road 13
Daphne, AL 26526

MEDICAL NEEDS SHELTER:

Baldwin County Coliseum
19477 Fairground Road
Robertsdale, AL 36567

ELECTRICAL SUPPORT SHELTERS:

Baldwin County Coliseum
19477 Fairground Road
Robertsdale, AL 36567

Baldwin County Level II
Community Shelter
207 North White Ave.
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Fairhope Satellite Courthouse
1100 Fairhope Ave.
Fairhope, AL 36532

Foley Satellite Courthouse
201 East Section Ave.
Foley, AL 36535

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

251-972-6807
BCEMA.BaldwinCountyAL.gov
www.BaldwinCountyAL.gov/
EMA

BALDWIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

251-937-0202
251-972-6802

BALDWIN REGIONAL AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Baldwin Regional Area Transit Systems (BRATS) offers safe, affordable, and reliable transportation to residents and visitors throughout Baldwin County. BRATS provides door-to-door public transit for medical appointments, job access, retail shopping, etc. Riding BRATS is easier than ever with the new smart phone app. Download the "BRATS On Demand" app at the Google or Apple stores or schedule a ride through your web browser at <https://brats.app.ridewithvia.com>. For more information on our services, visit the BRATS website at www.bratsondemand.com. P.O. Box 907, Robertsdale, AL 36567
Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
251-972-6817

UTILITIES

ALABAMA POWER

Provides electric service to surrounding areas
800-888-2726
CustomerService.Southern-Company.com

BALDWIN COUNTY SEWER SERVICE

251-971-3022

BALDWIN EMC

Provides electric for all of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach; most unincorporated areas
251-989-6247; 800-837-3374
BaldwinEMC.com

EAST CENTRAL BALDWIN WATER AUTHORITY

East Central Baldwin County water, sewer and fire protection authority.
251-942-1242

NORTH BALDWIN UTILITIES

Natural gas, water and waste water.
251-580-1626
NorthBaldwinUtilities.com

PERDIDO BAY WATER

Provides water, sewer and fire for Lillian, Perdido Beach, Josephine and Elberta.
251-987-5816
PerdidoBayWater.com

RIVIERA UTILITIES

The electric department provides service for Daphne, Spanish Fort, Point Clear, Loxley, Silverhill, Summerdale, Foley, Elberta, Lillian, Bon Secour and Magnolia Springs.
The gas department directly serves customers in Foley, Magnolia Springs, Summerdale, Elberta, Mifflin, Gulf Shores and Silverhill. Additionally, Riviera supplies wholesale natural gas to the municipalities of Loxley, Robertsdale and Clark / Mobile counties gas district in Orange Beach.
Provides water service to households in South Baldwin County.
Provides waste water service to city of Foley only.
251-943-5001 Eastern Division
Foley
251-626-5000 Western Division
Daphne
RivieraUtilities.com

WHITE HOUSE WATER AUTHORITY

Water authority to White House Fork areas.
251-937-2430

MUNICIPALITIES

DAPHNE UTILITIES

Water, sewer and natural gas.
251-626-2628
DaphneUtilities.com

FAIRHOPE UTILITIES

Set up new service for water, sewer, natural gas, electric and sanitation.
251-990-0121
COFairhope.com

GULF SHORES UTILITIES

Water and sewer.
251-968-6323

LOXLEY UTILITIES

Water, waste water, gas, solid waste, streets, animal control, mosquito control, grass and drainage maintenance.
251-964-7644

ROBERTSDALE UTILITIES

Electric, sewer, water, natural gas and sanitation.
251-947-8950
Robertsdale.org

SUMMERDALE WATER

251-989-6470

SUMMERDALE SEWER

251-989-2437
SummerdaleAlabama.com

OTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO UTILITIES

ALABAMA 1: 811 ALL
BALDWIN COUNTY
800-972-2631
ALICall.com

UTILITIES OVERVIEW WEB- SITE

BaldwinEDA.com

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BALDWIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

312 Courthouse Square, Suite 22, Bay Minette, AL 36507.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

This circuit comprises the geographical limits of Baldwin County and is composed of five circuit court judges, two district court judges, one circuit clerk and one district attorney. The Circuit Court hears all civil matters where the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, all criminal prosecutions involving felony offenses and family court matters. The Circuit Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court and in all civil matters where the amount in controversy exceeds \$3,000 but does not exceed \$10,000, exclusive of interest and costs. Additionally, the Circuit Courts exercise appellate jurisdiction over cases appealed from the District Courts, Probate Court, Baldwin County Municipal Courts and certain administrative and municipal boards.

TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CIRCUIT

HONORABLE J. CLARK STANKOSKI
Presiding Circuit Judge
251-937-0237

HONORABLE SCOTT P. TAYLOR
Circuit Judge
251-580-2570

HONORABLE CARMEN E. BOSCH
Circuit Judge
251-937-0235

HONORABLE JODY W. BISHOP
Circuit Judge
251-937-0290

HONORABLE C. JOSEPH NORTON
Circuit Judge
251-937-0273

HONORABLE KAROL KEMP
Circuit Judge

DISTRICT JUDGES

The District Court has original jurisdiction over criminal misdemeanors, holds preliminary hearings in felony prosecutions and can receive guilty pleas in felony cases not punishable by death. The two district judges exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Courts in juvenile matters and in civil actions where

the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000; furthermore, the district judges have exclusive jurisdiction over all civil actions where the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed \$3,000, which are considered "small claims cases."

MICHELLE M. THOMASON
Presiding judge Courtroom #7
251-972-8573
251-972-6815 (Fax)

WILLIAM E. SCULLY JR.
251-580-1647

HONORABLE MICHAEL HOYT

CIRCUIT CLERK

The Circuit Clerk serves as the chief administrative and fiscal officer for the court system. Also serves as an election official for the county and has magistrate duties, working with law enforcement for the issuance of warrants and for the filing of court documents.

BRENDA GANEY
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 10
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507
brenda.ganey@alacourt.gov

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ROBERT WILTERS
Elected 2016
Administrative Office
101 Hand Ave.
Bay Minette, AL 36507
251-937-0274
BaldwinDA@baldwincountyal.gov

FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. SEN. TOMMY TUBERVILLE
United States Senator Tommy Tuberville was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2020 and is currently serving his first term representing Alabama. His constituents still know him as Coach Tuberville, following his 40-year career coaching college football. Sen. Tuberville serves on the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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BB&T Centre 41 West I-65, Service Road North, Suite 2300-A
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142 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
202-224-4124

U.S. SEN. KATIE BRITT
Elected to the Senate in 1986. Sen. Shelby serves as the chairman of the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs and is a member of the Committee on Appropriations as well as the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MOBILE OFFICE:
113 St. Joseph St.
445 U.S. Federal Courthouse
Mobile, AL 36602
Phone: 251-694-4164 • Fax: 251-694-4166

WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE:
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 202-224-5744 • Fax: 202-224-3416 •
Website: Shelby.Senate.gov

U.S. REP. BARRY MOORE
Alabama's First District
Elected in 2020. He sits on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.
Website: barrymoore.house.gov/

BALDWIN COUNTY OFFICE:
502 W. Lee Ave.
Summerdale, AL 36580
Phone: 251-989-2664

WASHINGTON D.C. OFFICE:
1504 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-2901 • Fax: 202-225-0562 •
Website: Byrne.House.gov

BALDWIN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUENT SERVICES OFFICE DIRECTOR, CLIFF MCCOLLUM
cliff.mccollum@baldwincountyal.gov
1100 Fairhope Ave.
Fairhope, AL 36532
251-990-4615

STATE SEN. CHRIS ELLIOTT
(R) - State Senate District No. 32
Elected to the State Senate in 2018
Represents all or a portion of the incorporated Baldwin municipalities of Daphne, Elberta, Fairhope, Foley, Gulf Shores, Loxley, Magnolia Springs, Orange Beach, Perdido Beach, Robertsedale, Silverhill, Spanish Fort and Summerdale; the unincorporated communities of Elsanor, Seminole, Belforest, Marlow, Point Clear, Barnwell, Lillian, Josephine, Mifflin, Bon Secour, Fort Morgan and Ono Island.
Alabama State Senate, Room 738-B
1100 Fairhope Avenue
Fairhope, AL 36532
334-261-0897 • celliott@baldwincountyal.gov

STATE SEN. GREG ALBRITTON

(R) - State Senate District No. 22
 Elected to the State Senate in 2014
 Represents all or a portion of the incorporated municipalities of Bay Minette, Loxley and Robertsedale and the unincorporated communities of Little River, Blacksher, Tensaw, Lottie, Latham, Vaughn, Stockton, Crossroads, Bromley, Malbis, Stapleton, Plantation Hills, Ellisville and Belforest.
 Alabama State Senate, Room 721
 203 Oak St.
 Bay Minette, AL 36507
 334-261-0843
 galbritton@baldwincountyal.gov

STATE REP. ALAN BAKER

(R) - State House District No. 66
 Elected to the House in 2006
 Represents the incorporated municipality of Loxley; the unincorporated communities of Perdido, Phillipsville, Pine Grove, Gateswood, Clear Springs, Loxley-Ellisville and Stapleton.
 Alabama House of Representatives,
 Room 427-B
 203 Oak Street
 Bay Minette, AL 36507
 334-261-0420
 StateRep@co.escambia.al.us

STATE REP. JENNIFER FIDDLER

(R) - State House District No. 94
 Elected to the House in 2002
 Represents all or a portion of the incorporated municipalities of Fairhope, Robertsedale and Silverhill; the unincorporated communities of Malbis, Belforest, Plantation Hills, Point Clear, Barnwell, Marlow, Elsador, Rosinton, Seminole and Lillian.
 Alabama House of Representatives,
 Room 426
 1100 Fairhope Avenue.
 Fairhope, AL 36532
 334-261-0409
 JFaust@baldwincountyal.gov

STATE REP. FRANCES HOLK-JONES

(R) - State House District No. 95
 Elected to the House in 1980
 Represents the incorporated municipalities of Elberta, Foley, Gulf Shores, Magnolia Springs, Orange Beach, Perdido Beach, Robertsedale and Summerdale; the unincorporated communities of Barnwell, Lillian, Josephine, Mifflin, Bon Secour, Fort Morgan and Ono Island.
 Alabama House of Representatives,
 Room 532
 11 S. Union St.
 Montgomery, AL 36130
 334-261-0523

STATE REP. DONNA GIVENS

(R) - State House District No. 64
 Elected to the House in 2006
 Represents all or a portion of the incorporated municipality of Bay Minette; the unincorporated communities of Little River, Blacksher, Lottie, Tensaw, Rabun, Latham, Vaughn, Stockton, Crossroads, Whitehouse Fork and Bromley.

Alabama House of Representatives,
 Room 526-D
 11 S. Union St.
 Montgomery, AL 36130
 334-261-0445
 HarryShiver@aol.com

STATE REP. MATT SIMPSON

(R) - State House District No. 96
 Elected to the House in 2018
 Represents all or a portion of the incorporated communities of Daphne and Spanish Fort; the unincorporated communities of Bromley, Stapleton and Malbis.
 Alabama House of Representatives,
 Room 417-G
 1100 Fairhope Avenue
 Fairhope, AL 36532
 334-261-0424
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BALDWIN COUNTY OFFICIALS

Baldwin County Commission
(baldwincountyal.gov)

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER HONORABLE JAMES E. (JEB) BALL

(R) - District No. 1 -
 North Baldwin County
 First elected in 2018
 Municipality: City of Bay Minette
 Communities: Little River, Blacksher, Latham, Vaughn, Stockton, Redtown, Lot-tie, Rabun, Perdido, Carpenter, Blakeley, Bromley, Cottage Hill, Pine Grove, White-house Fork, Crossroads, Dyas, Phillipsville, Vangordon, Stapleton and Steelwood
 Baldwin County - Administration Building
 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
 Bay Minette, AL 36507
 Phone: 251-937-0330
 Administrative Staff: Barbara Pate
 Email: barbara.pate@baldwincountyal.gov

HONORABLE MATTHEW P. MCKENZIE

(R) District No. 2 - Eastern Shore
 Elected 2022
 Municipalities: City of Spanish Fort, City of Daphne and City of Fairhope
 Communities: Belforest, Historic Marlow, Fish River, Barnwell, Battles Wharf, Point Clear and Montrose
 Baldwin County (Fairhope) Satellite Courthouse
 1100 Fairhope Avenue
 Fairhope, AL 36532
 Phone: 251-990-4620 Ext. 4620
 Auxiliary Office: Baldwin County Administration Building (County Seat)
 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
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HONORABLE BILLIE JO UNDERWOOD

(R) - District No. 3 - Central

Baldwin County
 First Elected in 2018
 Municipalities: Town City of Loxley, City of Robertsedale, Town of Silverhill and Town of Summerdale
 Communities: Gateswood, Clear Springs, Rosinton, Elsador and Seminole
 Baldwin County - Central Annex
 22251 Palmer St.
 Robertsedale, AL 36567
 Phone: 251-972-8515
 Auxiliary Office: Baldwin County Administration Building
 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
 Bay Minette, AL 36507
 Administrative Staff: Tiffany Givens
 Tiffany.Givens@baldwincountyal.gov

HONORABLE CHARLES F. (SKIP) GRUBER

(R) - District No. 4 - South Baldwin County
 First Elected 2006
 Municipalities: City of Foley, Town of Elberta, City of Gulf Shores, Town of Magnolia Springs, City of Orange Beach and Town of Perdido Beach
 Communities: Historic Marlow, Fish River, Bon Secour, Oyster Bay, Mifflin, Josephine, Ono Island, Fort Morgan and Lillian
 Baldwin County Commission (Foley) Satellite Courthouse
 201 E. Section Ave.
 Foley, AL 36535
 Phone: 251-972-6833, Ext. 2804
 Auxiliary Office: Baldwin County Administration Building
 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
 Bay Minette, AL 36507
 Administrative Staff:
 Phone: 251-937-0264, 251-972-6833, ext. 2801

BALDWIN COUNTY SHERIFF ANTHONY LOWERY

The sheriff's office is the principal law enforcement agency for Baldwin County. The sheriff serves as an officer of the courts and is responsible for service of court papers and documents. He also maintains the Baldwin County Corrections Center which houses up to 649 inmates.
 Non-Emergencies: 251-937-0202 or 251-972-6802
 Telecommunications Device for the Deaf: 251-580-2516

BALDWIN COUNTY CORONER BRIAN PIERCE

Elected in 2018
 Phone: 251-970-4051
 Email: brian.pierce@baldwincountyal.gov
 The coroner is responsible for the determination of the cause and manner of death of a person who dies and is not under medical care.
 All traumatic deaths, such as murder, suicide, accidental, motor vehicle and drowning are required by law to be reported to the coroner. Any person who may have died of natural causes, but was not under a doctor's care, by law, must also be reported to the coroner's office. It

is the final responsibility of the coroner to execute and file a Certificate of Death with the Baldwin County Health Department (251-947-3618). The coroner must also review and certify all persons who desire to be cremated at the time of their death. In order to determine the cause and manner of death, the coroner may request an autopsy be conducted by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences located in Mobile; 251-471-7026 adfs.alabama.gov.

**PROBATE JUDGE
HARRY D'OLIVE JR.**

The Probate Judge in Baldwin County is a publicly elected representative of the people for the administration of the Probate Court, License Office and the "Recorder's" Office — for official public recordation of documents.

MAIN OFFICE:

220 Courthouse Square
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Phone: 251-580-2596

SATELLITE OFFICES:

22251 Palmer St., Robertsdale, AL 36567
Phone: 251-943-5061
1102 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532
Phone: 251-928-3002
201 E. Section Ave., Foley, AL 36535
Phone: 251-943-5061

**BALDWIN COUNTY REVENUE
COMMISSIONER TEDDY J. FAUST JR.**

Elected 2009
The Revenue Commissioner's Office is responsible for mapping, appraising and assessing each parcel of property, and then collecting tax based upon each parcel's assessed value. These property taxes support the state of Alabama, Baldwin County, Baldwin County public schools, hospitals, law enforcement, fire departments and municipalities.

Main Office:
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ROGER RENDLEMAN**

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ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY

4900 Wilson Blvd.
251-981-5662

ORANGE BEACH MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

4900 Wilson Blvd., Orange Beach
251-967-5306
Bcbe.org/OBHS

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GULF SHORES BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Gsboe.org

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(K-5)**

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Gsboe.org/GSES

GULF SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

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251-968-8719
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GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

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NORTH BALDWIN INFIRMARY
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BALDWIN HEALTH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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BALDWIN HEALTH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FREE-STANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
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THOMAS HOSPITAL
(251) 928-2375

THOMAS FREESTANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT - MALBIS
(251) 279-5423

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Bay Minette, AL 36507
(251) 937-5665

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Robertsdale, AL 36567
(251) 947-2626

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Foley, AL 36535
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Fairhope, AL 36532
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Gulf Shores, AL 36547
(251) 968-7200

BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT 1

BALDWIN COUNTY HIGH (9-12)

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251-937-2341
Bcbe.org/BCHS

BALDWIN COUNTY VIRTUAL ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL

605 US 98, Daphne
251-404-6209
Bcbe.org

BALDWIN COUNTY VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

605 US 98, Daphne
251-404-6209
Bcbe.org

BAY MINETTE ELEMENTARY (K-6)

400 E. 9th St., Bay Minette
251-937-7651
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BAY MINETTE MIDDLE (7-8)

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251-580-2960
Bcbe.org/BMMS

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Bcbe.org/PineGrove

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Bcbe.org/Stapleton

DISTRICT 2

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Bcbe.org/DE

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251-626-8787
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DAPHNE MIDDLE (7-8)

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DISTRICT 6

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