



Florida Department of Transportation District Five Regional Transportation Management Center



RTMC Transforms Into Emergency Management Center During Disasters

The Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) is built to play several vital roles in improving public safety, from keeping traffic flowing on interstates to coordinating fast and safe responses to crashes on highways and many other major roads.

In times of crisis, however, the RTMC transforms into an emergency management center to help respond to storms and other disasters such as flooding and wildfires.

Built to withstand a Category 3 hurricane (winds up to 129 mph), the RTMC also has battery backups for its

systems and a vast communication reach, making it a natural location for emergency managers to gather to coordinate preparation and response, and convey those timely messages to the public.

The Florida Highway Patrol is an important partner and manages a dispatch center in the building for many of its daily operations.

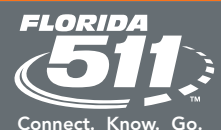
The 44,700-square-foot building includes a kitchen and shower facilities in case severe weather or dangerous conditions force managers and staff to remain inside the secure structure for several days.



Inside the building, emergency managers should be able to communicate with other groups around the state to coordinate efforts and share information and available resources. If a storm has forced an evacuation of parts of Florida, traffic managers can monitor specified evacuation routes via live feeds from roadside cameras and traffic sensors. From the operations center, they also can change the timing on traffic signals to ensure the best possible traffic flow during a crisis.


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The RTMC is the daily traffic information source for Florida 511, news outlets, social media, Waze and emergency operations centers. During emergencies it will continue to provide up-to-the-minute information on dangerous and closed roadways to apprise the public during emergencies.



For information on how you can prepare for a hurricane or other disaster, visit the Florida Division of Emergency Management at www.floridadisaster.org.

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