

## Emergency Management Helps People Recover From Disaster



Levy County Emergency Management Planner Leatha Keene speaks with John Cano on Tuesday afternoon (Sept. 6), just after he delivered material from the Florida State Logistical Resource Center (Orlando). Keene is part of the three-person team in Levy County, consisting also of Director John MacDonald and Assistant Director David Peaton. One of the many missions on Tuesday was preparing for the arrival of United States Federal Emergency Management Administration teams, which were scheduled to visit Cedar Key and Yankeetown. Florida may be placed on the list as a state that is part of a national disaster from the amount of damage caused by Hurricane Hermine. Helping MacDonald, Peaton and Keene in Levy County were members from many constitutional offices, including the Property Appraiser and Sheriff's Office.



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(above) Matt Weldon, director of Levy County Parks and Recreation as well as Mosquito Control, is behind the wheel of this tall Emergency Management vehicle as he moves it from the Emergency Operation Center.



This huge trailer pulled by a semi-tractor is from Putnam County.



Several counties sent assistance to the hard-hit coastal counties, including Levy County and Dixie County. Dixie County Emergency Management is responsible for reducing the loss of life and property, as well as protecting that county's critical infrastructure from natural and manmade disasters. Dixie County Emergency Management successfully accomplishes its mission through a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Dixie County Manager T.W. 'Tim' Alexander, who is also a Dixie County School Board member, heads the team in that county.

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