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## Levy County sends more help to the Panhandle



A forklift from Levy County Emergency Management helps move water, as it makes its way to the Florida Panhandle to help people.

### Story and Photos

By LCSO Lt. Scott Tummond

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**BRONSON** -- The Levy County Sheriff's Office is preparing to send four deputies to the Florida Panhandle for Hurricane Michael relief.



(from left)  
Gloria Kilian,  
Lt. Jimmy  
Anderson, Lt.  
Duane  
Dykstra, Levy  
County Sheriff  
Bobby  
McCallum,  
Executive  
Assistant  
Robin Hardee  
McCracken,  
LCSO Inv.  
Justin Douglas  
and Levy

County Emergency Management Director John MacDonald are seen outside the trailer they are loading with supplies.

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The Florida Division of Emergency Management in cooperation with the Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA) Task Force understand the need for assistance and recovery in the wake of this disaster will last for months. The counties affected by this devastating hurricane will likely need assistance from other law enforcement agencies for some time to come as members from their agencies try to rebuild their own homes and lives.

The FSA has assumed the coordination of law enforcement relief efforts and the scheduling of deputies responding to these affected communities as top priority. Deputies responding to assist are being deployed from their home offices in seven-day shifts and are coming from all agencies around the state.

Responding deputies are being assigned to a myriad of security duties including patrolling residential and business areas guarding from looting and other safety issues.

Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum is a proud member of the FSA and even more proud of the volunteers from the LCSO. Dedicated members such as these who unselfishly volunteered to respond to help neighbors in their time of need are the driving force behind the LCSO and the commitment to serve Florida residents and visitors.

Sheriff McCallum asks that you continue to keep the communities in the Panhandle, his fellow Sheriff's as well our members and all the other first responders in your prayers.

On Tuesday (Oct. 23), a trailer filled with relief supplies will be departing from the LCSO in route to the Panhandle.

These supplies have been donated by LCSO members, the Levy County Emergency Management Department, the various Levy County constitutional officers, Levy County employees and the people of Levy County.

We thank everyone for their support as we continue to restore some of the essentials of life to the devastated victims of Hurricane Michael in the Panhandle.

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Ryan and Crystal Bell, Robbie and Laci Cooper, Terance and Whitney Reed, Jason and Rebecca Kennedy, and many other Levy County people have responded to the Panhandle to help the people there after Hurricane Michael struck. BubbaQue's, Complete Sleep and Furnishings, Walmart, the Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market and several other Levy County business interests have donated to the relief effort so far as well. **For people who want to continue donating items, Complete Sleep and Furnishings, 2205 N. Young Blvd. (U.S. Highway 19), of Chiefland is a drop-off point.**

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## CFEC Sends Crew to Aid



**Central Florida Electric Cooperative line workers are heading northwest to assist Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative in Wewahitchka to restore power and repair damage caused by Hurricane Michael. Currently, 1.6 million homes and businesses are without power across the southeast in the wake of Michael. With a six-man crew, CFEC is ready to lend a helping hand to northwest Florida, bringing four pieces of equipment including two bucket trucks, one digger derrick truck with a load of poles and a one-ton flatbed truck. 'CFEC was fortunate to receive help from cooperatives across the country when we restored power from Hurricane Irma,' stated Ben Dawson, CFEC Vice President of Engineering and Operations. 'Cooperation among cooperatives is critical to restoring power as quickly, and as safely, as possible.'**

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