



## DISASTER & EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR FLORIDA'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY



### PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED.

A disaster of any size could have an impact on your business. Taking the steps to build a business disaster plan and encourage your employees to create a family emergency plan can reduce the impact on your business. It is important to consider how a disaster could affect your employees, customers and workplace. How would you manage your business if access to the workplace is limited by road closures, streets are impassable, or communication is limited? This plan should include things like:

- Chain of command if management office and staff is down
- Policy on staff leave and pay for emergencies and extended time away
- Back up business data daily and maintain at an off-site location or portable storage device
- Designate one phone number to record important messages for employees to access
- Identify a phone number for customers, and program call forwarding to one number
- Discuss business continuity or business interruption insurance with your insurance agent
- Go to **www.FLGetAPlan.com** to build your customized business disaster plan
- Encourage your employees to build a **customized family emergency plan**

### Stay Informed During Disasters

Register your emergency point person and business with Florida's Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center:  
**FLVBOC.org**

### UTILIZE THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

Emergency Orders/Executive Orders are issued by the Governor and Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation before a disaster strikes to ensure smooth and efficient transport of goods, people and freight both in and out of the state. When the national and state emergency is declared, FMCSR emergency regulations go into effect for hours of service, over-dimensional loads, etc. These orders cover vehicles involved in any disaster response/support, especially fuel transportation. They are for a limited period of time, but may be extended as needed (with a revised Order). Remember:

- Drivers must still have a valid CDL and operate the vehicle safely as per the FMCSR and state law
- Motor carriers using the Executive Order should keep a copy in all trucks active in the disaster
- Be sure to have the proper credentialing for re-entry into the state. That means drivers must have:
  - Government-issued ID
  - Company ID
  - Letter on motor carrier letterhead advising of the driver's participation in disaster efforts

### Specific Needs or Questions?

Contact Florida's  
Emergency Ops  
Center EFS-18 at:  
(850) 410-1403 or  
EFS18@em.myflorida.com

### TRANSPORTING DONATED GOODS CAN BE TRICKY.

For donated goods, understand that all loads of donated goods MUST have proper paperwork, have pre-clearance at the destination, and have someone waiting for (and expecting) the specific shipment on the other end. Too often, literally tons of donated goods are wasted because there were not recipients and/or insufficient manpower to off-load, warehouse and distribute the goods to the people most in need.

- All donated goods MUST be on the Bill of Lading, including a specific address, contact person and phone number
- Verify EVERYTHING before taking a load