

# **The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association**

*Serving Emergency Preparedness in Florida Since 1956*

***The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association*** is the premier statewide organization dedicated to enhancing emergency management planning and preparedness activities at the local, state and federal level. Membership is comprised of local government emergency management agencies, emergency response agencies, representatives of industrial, commercial, educational, military, private, non-profit and volunteer organizations, and professionals in all career fields who perform emergency management functions.

The primary mission of FEPA is to provide an information and support network between county emergency management directors and partners at the municipal, county, state and federal government levels. FEPA also ensures coordination and information dissemination to those responsible for emergency preparedness in volunteer and private industry organizations on a host of critical issues.

## **Membership Benefits**

**Advocacy** – FEPA monitors state and federal legislation, regulations and other issues affecting the emergency management community. Updates are communicated to the membership and acted upon by Association representatives through testimony at public hearings and legislative committee meetings. FEPA is represented on state commissions, committees and task forces in order to ensure favorable program guidance on issues affecting the emergency management community.

**Information Sharing and Technical Assistance** – FEPA's newsletter is published quarterly and provides timely information on current emergency management initiatives, legislative issues and agency news at the local, state and federal levels. Its website ([www.fepa.org](http://www.fepa.org)) is updated on a weekly basis. Communications are maintained with a network of allied associations and various organizations to ensure a unified response to issues affecting the multi-faceted discipline of emergency management.

**Training and Education** – Association conferences and workshops provide direct access to current emergency management policies through Association conferences, task forces, workshops and committees. Members are kept up-to-date on the latest developments in the Emergency Management Profession.

**Certification** – FEPA coordinates the Florida Professional Emergency Management certification program.

*A membership application is available at our website, [www.fepa.org](http://www.fepa.org).*