

## **Weather and Civil Air Patrol**

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On December 2021, my state was hit with severe weather, along with 3 other states. My Squadron and Wing prepared before and after the event. We talked about weather safety before and how to prepare for storms. We checked on members after the storm by doing a safety check, to obtain the status of our members.

Regions that deal with hurricanes have information for their wings and help them to prepare, ensuring they are ready to evacuate if necessary and to check in, there are also plans to respond to areas if needed. Always, ask for help from neighboring regions. The Southeast Region is known for hurricanes, they tend to have check in plans, response plans and emergency evacuations plans.

## Things you can do to prepare for these events - Start with a plan.

- Listen to the weather and the news.
- Have a weather app on your phone.
- If you have a severe storm in your area, know where the hot spots are in your house.
- Have your charger and make sure your phone is charged.
- If there is any damage, keep your shoes on, you don't want to be barefooted, this can be dangerous.
- Have meds, and important documents in a backpack.
- Have a place to go if you need to evacuate.

## For hurricanes and or snowstorms -

## Have supplies ready:

- Water
- Lumber to board up windows.
- Lanterns
- Snacks
- Batteries
- Flashlights
- Gas for the generator
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- Weather radio
- Have contact information for fellow members.
- Evacuation plan if needed.

Civil Air Patrol members must take safety and weather seriously. We need to be prepared to take care of ourselves and our fellow members, so we can take care of our communities.