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FLASH Joins Leon County Leaders to Mark June 1 and “Build Buckets”

Leslie Chapman-Henderson joined Leon County and City of Tallahassee leaders on June 1 for a news conference ([watch video](#)) as hurricane season began. The event showcased the county’s [2018 Hurricane Survival Guide](#) with new *#HurricaneStrong* program content, promotion of the June 2 “Build Your Bucket” event, and more.

According to Leon County Director of Emergency Management Kevin Peters, “Tropical storms do not look at calendars before they spin up in the Gulf of Mexico. You can never be too prepared and you can never be prepared too early. We know that this hurricane season may be near normal, but it only takes one to ruin your community.”

Leslie outlined the *#HurricaneStrong* key messages and congratulated Leon County for achieving the first *#HurricaneStrong* community designation. The FLASH Partnership selected the county based on their ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule ranking, CRS score, public awareness programming excellence, widespread business outreach, a [NOAA StormReady](#) designation, and demonstrated leadership commitment to resilience.

The news conference successfully promoted the Fourth Annual *Build Your Bucket* event on June 2 that drew more than 1,000 families and provided 800 buckets stocked with essential hurricane supplies.

For information on *#HurricaneStrong* community qualifications, email info@flash.org.