



Seminole County Emergency Management
150 Bush Boulevard
Sanford, Florida 32773

Alan S. Harris – Bio.

Alan Harris has worked in emergency services for over 17 years. He began his career while completing his degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

Alan's first position in emergency services was for the Gainesville Fire Rescue Association, a student group at the University of Florida. One year later, he recruited for work with the Alachua County Fire Rescue Department. While in Alachua County, Alan worked the 1998 wildfires and was deployed to Flagler County, the only county in the United States to be completely evacuated during a disaster.

In 1999, Alan moved to Orlando and started work for the Altamonte Springs Fire Department. In 2002, Alan served as a member of the public affairs team for the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. That same year he was deployed to the Mallory Swamp Fire, the largest wildfire in Florida history. In October 2002, Seminole County merged with the Altamonte Springs Fire Department.

Alan currently serves as the Emergency Manager for Seminole County Office of Emergency Management (SCEM). During the 2004 hurricane season, Alan Harris served as Emergency Operations Center Manager for Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne, and was deployed to Pensacola to assist the Escambia County Emergency Operations Center after Hurricane Ivan. He has managed incidents including the Tropical Storm Fay 2008, Suwannee River Flood 2009, Operation Haiti Relief 2010, and the Trayvon Martin events of 2012. He teaches numerous Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security courses.

Alan is a co-chairs on the Regional Domestic Security Task Force, part of the Executive Group of the Urban Area Security Initiative, area governor for the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association and the Coordinator of the Central Florida Incident Management Team.

Alan has achieved the Professional Emergency Manager® certification by the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association and was awarded the Certified Emergency Manager® designation by the International Association of Emergency Managers.