FEMA- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) app contains preparedness information for different types of disasters, an interactive checklist for emergency kits, a section to plan emergency meeting locations, information on how to stay safe and recover after a disaster and a map with FEMA Disaster Recovery Center locations and shelters. (Android, BlackBerry, iPhone and iPad)

Shelter Finder- This app from the American Red Cross displays current shelter information from the National Shelter System, which is updated every 30 minutes. The app maps locations across the U.S., and includes details such as the agency managing the shelter, capacity of the shelter and current population, the associated disaster event and the specific shelter address and location. (iPhone and iPad)

Pocket First Aid & CPR- This app from the American Heart Association provides quick, concise and clear first aid and CPR instructions from a user’s smartphone. The most recent update features 34 videos and 46 high-resolution illustrations, reorganized content to make it easier to find help in an emergency, an improved user experience and new search functionality. (Android and iPhone)
**Dropbox- Smartphone Apps for Document Safekeeping.** One thing every disaster kit should have is a set of your important documents. These include copies of things like IDs, birth certificates, or escape routes. While you want to keep those physical copies, you also want to keep a digital backup. If you want to store those files in the cloud, we’d recommend doing so with an encrypted folder like Dropbox or Google Docs, so you’ll have access to them from anywhere, even if you can’t get to your computer. Likewise, you can keep a hard copy of those documents on your phone as well.

**ICE Standard**

ICE is something that is good to have all the time but especially in the event of an emergency. If you find yourself in the hospital and unconscious for some reason, it can be hard for a nurse or doctor to contact the people that are important to you. Begin by filling out the form and putting in your emergency contacts, medical conditions, allergies and medications you’re taking. This makes it easy for any provider to know exactly how to treat you safely. You can also set up your phone so your emergency information is your lock screen so a professional doesn’t have to be able to unlock your phone to get to the information.

**CareZone (for caregivers) smartphones**

- A care profile to log all pertinent information about loved one who is receiving care
- Invite friends and families to join you and become “helpers”
- A shareable task-list to help you keep on track
- A shareable journal, which includes ability to log observations and upload photos to keep loved ones up to date about the elder’s well-being
- Medication tracking, “to keep a list all meds, dosages, purpose, prescribing physician, pharmacy, RX number and more.”
- File storage service so that you can share files with loved ones about elder’s care
- What’s called a “CareZone broadcast” that allows you to “send a recorded voice message to up to 100 recipients.”
Tiny Scanner or similar app to record documents, etc

Helpful websites:

Alabama-West Florida Conf UMC awfumc.org disaster response & recovery

FEMA – preparedness for homeowners, pets, seniors, children

American Red Cross-preparedness, first aid, shelter

CDC website  https://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness

The EMA for Your county - alerts, road closures, shelters, specific announcements for your area, maps