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Drones are formally known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). In other words, drones are remote-controlled flying robots. Florida's utility companies use drones to survey storm damage from a safe location to restore power as soon as possible. Before drone technology, utilities were extremely limited in their ability to quickly and safely assess storm damage.

Each May, before Hurricane Season begins in June, the Florida PSC holds a workshop to receive updates on hurricane preparedness activities from the state's electric utilities. Updates include: storm preparation and restoration process, customer/stakeholder outreach and communication, vegetation management, pole inspections, and lessons learned from the 2022 storm season.

You can view the May 23, 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Workshop <u>here</u>, and find each utility's presentation <u>here</u>.