



NEWSLETTER

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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR BOARD:

At the next annual meeting (April) there will be openings for board members. Some current board members will re-run. We have open positions for:

Government:

Non-profit:

Business:

Faith based:

Email me if you want your name listed as a nominee for a board position. I will need your name, contact information, and which position you wish to fill. Please include the name of the organization you will be representing.

THANK YOU to all who have already stepped forward!!!! Keep them coming!

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

CASE MANAGEMENT

Emily Meyer, Community Assistance Consultant for the Florida Division of Emergency Management is willing to travel to Northwest Florida to discuss Disaster Case Management. We are in the process of establishing a working relationship with Escambia to show a united front for the Panhandle. If your organization (non profit or faith based) does post disaster case management, please contact Brenda Roland at brsvpsantarosa@mchsi.com so we can get everyone on the same sheet of music.

SAFER BOARD MEETING

26 January 1100-1200 at the United Way of Santa Rosa

GULF STUDY

SAFER is collaborating with BRACE in Escambia to support this study;

The GuLF STUDY (or Gulf Long Term Follow-Up Study) is a health study for individuals who helped with the oil spill cleanup, took training, signed up to work, or were sent to the Gulf to help in some way after the Deepwater Horizon disaster. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is sponsoring this study. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is leading this research with the support of many local community groups.

We are seeking to recruit 55,000 people into the study, which is the largest ever of its kind. In fact, there has been little research conducted on the health effects of oil spill, that is why we are

planning to follow some participants for ten years. Our goal is to answer the questions that are important to those in the community.

More information on the study can be found at www.nihgulfstudy.org.

WHOLE COMMUNITY DOCUMENT RELEASED BY FEMA

This document was released last week. Open it or download it at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4941> and read page 13. Be proud of your community and get involved!



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HEALTHY GULF/HEALTHY COMMUNITY

SAFER is also participating in this initiative as well.

The University of Florida is leading a consortium that received an NIEHS grant to implement research and outreach activities in those communities of Florida and Alabama that were affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Within this consortium, the Community Outreach and Dissemination Core (COD-Core) is responsible for the formation of the Community Advisory Board, which will provide direct input to the consortium leadership on community issues and concerns related to the proposed studies.



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COATS FOR KIDS

United Way of Santa Rosa County (UWSRC) and Woodbine Cleaners have partnered with Soft Rock 94.1, WXBM 102.7, the Santa Rosa County School District and Central Ministerial Fellowship to run the Coats for Kids coat drive for children and adults in Santa Rosa County. The community will be asked to donate new and gently used coats to help the community keep warm this winter **from Nov. 15 to Jan. 31**.

"After speaking with Dr. Karen Barber of the Santa Rosa County school district and with representatives from local clothing closets, we've decided to revive our Coats for Kids program to fulfill the need for coats this season," said Marianne Back, UWSRC Community Projects Coordinator. "We will furnish coats for school children identified through the school system, give coats to families and individuals in need and help stock clothing closets across the county through this drive."

UWSRC is seeking volunteers, churches, businesses and civic groups to partner with the drive. Funds donated will be used to purchase coats.

To donate coats or get involved, call (850) 623-4507 or email marianne@unitedwaysrc.org.

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER FIRES

As we move closer to winter, and home fires begin to increase, the [U.S. Fire Administration](#) (USFA) and the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) are reminding individuals and communities that [fire safety](#) awareness and efforts are especially important in the coming months. To support this effort, the USFA and NFPA are sponsoring a special initiative - *Put a Freeze on Winter Fires* – to help get the word out about home fire safety.

Each winter, an estimated 108,400 home fires occur in the United States, resulting in approximately 945 deaths and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter home fires, and holiday decorations and winter storms can cause people to turn to alternative heating sources, such as space heaters, which account for about one third of home heating fires and approximately 80 percent of home heating fire deaths.

Winter fires can be prevented! The following fire safety tips can help maintain a fire-safe home this winter season:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking something on top of the stove or when grilling or broiling food.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from space heaters, woodstoves, etc.
- Replace damaged electrical or extension cords.
- Never use the oven or stovetop to heat a home; carbon monoxide gas can kill people and pets.
- Don't put a live Christmas tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water.
- Avoid using lighted candles; try flameless candles instead.

For more information, visit the [USFA Web site](#) and the [NFPA Web site](#).

MANAGEMENT OBLIGATIONS DURING DISASTER RECOVERY

Get Tips During Free Webinar Hosted by SBA and Agility Recovery Solutions

Being a small business owner also makes you the person in charge of making sure everything flows without a hitch, from product development to the safety of your employees. Yet in the midst of a crisis or in the aftermath of a disaster, the plans you made to keep your business open could become lost in the shuffle of stress and chaos.

On Tuesday, December 20, Agility Recovery Solutions and the U.S. Small Business Administration will host a webinar focusing on best practices to help those in leadership positions navigate the road to recovery. Agility president and CEO Bob Boyd will share real-world disaster recovery scenarios and engage participants in a discussion on practical strategies to develop the wisdom and skill needed to become a more resilient leader.

SBA has partnered with Agility to offer business continuity strategies via its "PrepareMyBusiness" website. Visit www.preparemybusiness.org to access past webinars and get additional preparedness tips.

The SBA provides disaster recovery assistance in the form of low-interest loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofits and businesses of all sizes. To learn more, visit

www.sba.gov/disaster.

WHO: Bob Boyd, President and CEO, Agility Recovery Solutions

WHAT: "Management Obligations during Disaster Recovery" will be presented by Boyd. A question and answer session will follow.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST

HOW: Space is limited. Register at

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/311203496>

Contact: Carol Chastang (202) 205-6987

Internet Address: <http://www.sba.gov/news>

DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #49: A YEAR IN REVIEW - 2011 DISASTERS

This year alone, Americans have witnessed deadly tornadoes, record-shattering temperatures, unexpected earthquakes, severe droughts, dangerous wildfires, extreme flooding and rare October snowstorms.

As the year comes to a close, we invite you to join us tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. (EST) as we reflect on the dramatic events and disasters of 2011. [Register here](#) for our free webinar, "**Disaster Recovery Stories – A Summary of Events from 2011**".

Topics will include:

- Real world recoveries and lessons learned
- A retrospective of major events that caused business interruptions
- New trends and technology influencing business continuity planning

Critical items your organization needs to know in order to be prepared

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFERS MONTHLY SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WEBINARS

Small business owners have an opportunity to get tips on business continuity planning in 2011 through a series of free webinars hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery Solutions.

Dates and topics for upcoming free webinars are as follows:

Dec. 20 – “Management obligations during Disaster Recovery”

More preparedness tips for businesses, homeowners and renters are available on the SBA’s website at <http://www.sba.gov/content/disaster-preparedness>

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

See the comment from Craig Fugate in red

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on behalf of the administration, announced the release of the National Preparedness System description, which will help lay the groundwork for strengthening the nation’s resilience against all threats and hazards. The system description is the second deliverable required under Presidential Policy Directive / PPD-8: National Preparedness, which was released March 30, 2011.

“What makes this preparedness system unique is that it engages the whole community – individuals, businesses, community- and faith-based organizations, schools and all levels of government,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “We recognize that the nation will be most prepared for threats and hazards when we work together.”

The National Preparedness System description identifies six components to improve national preparedness for a wide range of threats and hazards, such as acts of terrorism, cyber attacks, pandemics and catastrophic natural disasters. The System description explains how as a nation we will build on current efforts, many of which are already established in the law and have been in use for many years.

The six components of the National Preparedness System are:

- § Identifying and assessing risks;
- § Estimating capability requirements;
- § Building or sustaining capabilities;
- § Developing and implementing plans to deliver those capabilities;
- § Validating and monitoring progress made towards achieving the National Preparedness Goal; and
- § *Reviewing and updating efforts as needed to promote continuous improvement*

PREPAREDNESS IS THE PERFECT GIFT



Preparedness Is The Perfect Gift

Disasters can strike at any time and the holiday season is the perfect time to purchase gifts that show you care. Think preparedness when you make your holiday shopping list.

Time: **00:57**

From: [FEMA](#)

Views: 80

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Prepare For Severe Winter Weather Now

12/02/2011 01:11 PM EST



Prepare For Severe Winter Weather Now

Severe winter weather can cause many types of emergencies. Make sure you are ready for any type of disaster and prepare now.

Time: **01:09**

From: [FEMA](#)

Views: 139

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS ~ STILL MEETING MONTHLY

FREE to ATTEND - County of Residence is NOT a requirement
Pensacola ~ 6:00 p.m ~ Last Thursday Monthly at COAWFLA , 875 Royce Street ~ Next Meeting is December 29th. Refreshments and Door Prizes provided each month by various

community resources. Regency Hospice will be providing a Holiday Refreshment Spread and Door Prizes for the December 29th Pensacola Support Group Meeting...Come Join in!

Milton ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ First Thursday Monthly at *St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 6451 Park Avenue*. Refreshments and Door Prizes provided monthly by various community resources. Next Meeting is January 5th.

Century ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ The third Thursday of each month at Century Care Center, 6020 Industrial Blvd. *Refreshments and Door Prizes provided monthly by various community resources*. Next Meeting is December 15th.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and other Relatives ~ Second Thursdays Monthly 6:00 P.M. at Homewood Suites by Hilton, 5049 Corporate Woods Drive, Pensacola, FL 32504.
FREE Dinner beginning at 5:30 P.M. Child Care Provided FREE on-site.
Reservations requested by calling 850-432-1475. Next Meeting is Dec 8th and then Jan 12th.

As part of the effort to support seniors, the COAWFLA sponsors and conducts Caregiver Support Groups in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The groups are non-disease specific, are led by a facilitator, and county of residence is not a requirement to attend any or all of the meetings. These groups are available to support all Caregivers regardless of the condition or illness of the person being cared for, including Grandparents caring for/raising grandchildren or relatives caring for a disabled adult! No reservation is required (it is requested on the Grandparents Support Group, but please don't let that stop someone from attending if they did not make a reservation).

See the COAWFLA web site at www.coawfla.org for more information or contact:
Council on Aging West Florida, Inc. Or e-mail kholt@coawfla.org
P.O. Box 17066, Pensacola, FL 32522 via Phone (850) 432-1475

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP) Support Group through Families Count Meetings are Every Two Weeks Wednesdays 6 to 7
Location: Families Count Building at 5139 Elmira Street, Milton, FL
For More Information: Beth Maroon 850-529-8536
Non-Relatives raising children are welcome as well!

December 4-10, 2011 is Florida's INTERGENERATIONAL WEEK.

Let's all join the Department of Elder Affairs in giving a big thanks to those in our community who promote better understanding and mutual support between the generations.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group do meet monthly at the Rehabilitation Institute Community Rooms, West Florida Memory Disorder Clinic, 8391 North Davis Hwy, Pensacola: Call Joy Barbee at 850-494-3212 for more information.

Stroke Support Group – Monday, December 12th 2-3 p.m. Rehabilitation Institute Community Rooms, 8391 North Davis Hwy, Pensacola: Call 850-494-3212 for more information.

Spinal Cord Injury Support Group, Sleep Disorder Support Group Meetings, Dementia Support Group, Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group, Free Memory Screenings.....call 850-494-3212 for more information.

Several of you have asked about Caregiver Support Groups during the day ~ Alzheimer's Family has a variety of Caregiver Support Groups for those caring for persons with some form of dementia at various locations and times monthly. Call 850-478-7790 for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS 2011

Toys for Tots will be run through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program for this holiday season. United Way will not be the contact for Toys for Tots this year. For more information, contact the Salvation Army at 623-4099 or visit www.toysfortots.org.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us and become our friend ;-) We are up to **293** people! Invite friends. **LET'S BREAK 300 BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR! Invite Friends! One month left.**



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) that are free and open to the public, with the understanding that the user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$9 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

Safer Barricades are being rented by Bonfire Jam again this year.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - *Bernard Meltzer*

LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the state training web page to see all the Florida Division of Emergency Management sponsored training in the state. On this site you will learn what training is offered, where it will be conducted, how long the training will last, who the point of contact for the training is, and any other special considerations like prerequisites for the course. Remember when you are looking for classes, we are in region 1. Go to the following web page <http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp>

NATIONAL COMMUNITY / NEIGHBORHOOD EXERCISE SERIES



On January 28 neighborhood, community and faith based organizations across the country will have the opportunity to assess their capabilities in preparing for and responding to an Influenza Pandemic by participating in the [Formidable Footprint Pandemic Exercise](#).

During the past year teams from across the United States have been participating in the internet based series of Formidable Footprint exercises.

These exercises have provided participants with the opportunity to assess their capabilities to respond to various disaster threats.

Pandemic Exercise – January 28 2012

Exercises have also been scheduled for the following scenarios:

[Earthquake – Flood – Hurricane – Tornado – Wildfire](#)

The Formidable Footprint exercise series has been developed in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) protocols. The objectives of the exercises are for CERTs, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Neighborhood Associations, Community / Faith Based Organizations, Citizen Corps, Fire Corps and others to work as a team to become better prepared for the next disaster their community may face.

There is **NO CHARGE** for participation in any of the Formidable Footprint exercises.

For additional information or to register for the up-coming Tornado Exercise please access the following web site today: www.FormidableFootprint.org

Please Share This Important Disaster Exercise Opportunity With Others

AMERICAN RED CROSS UPCOMING TRAINING

First Aid with CPR/AED-Adult & Child and CPR-Infant:

12/17 - Milton, 8a-5p

12/18 - Crestview, 8a-3p

First Aid with CPR/AED-Adult:

12/14 - Crestview, 8a-1p

CPR/AED-Adult:

12/15 - Pensacola, 830a-12p

12/21 - Pensacola, 6p-930p

12/15 - Crestview, 6p-930p

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer (BLS):

12/17 - Fort Walton Beach, 8a-2p

Dog & Cat First Aid:

12/16 - Pensacola, 5p-9p

Register online at www.YourRedCross.org or call us at 800.773.7767.

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

Is Antiterrorism Training Keeping Up With the Diverging Threat?

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Antiterrorism-Training-Keeping-Up-Diverging-Threat.html>

Napolitano says lone wolf terror threat growing

<http://news.yahoo.com/napolitano-says-lone-wolf-terror-threat-growing-175231790.html>

Vaccine developed against Ebola

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-16011748>

Social Media for Emergency Managers Can't Start When the Emergency Does

http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20111110_4195.php

Survey Shows Disconnect Between Professional, Citizen Views of Terrorism

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Survey-Shows-Disconnect-Between-Views-Terrorism.html>

Bird Flu Research Rattles Bioterrorism Field

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2011/11/17/142453447/bird-flu-research-rattles-bioterrorism-field>

Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters, Summary for Policy Makers

http://ipcc.ch/news_and_events/docs/ipcc34/SREX_FD_SPM_final.pdf

Pacific Disaster Center, Disaster Alert Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/disasteralert?sk=wall>

FEMA Blog, Launching the FEMA Think Tank -- a Forum to Facilitate Discussion in the Field of Emergency Management

<http://blog.fema.gov/2011/11/launching-fema-think-tank-forum-to.html>

National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health Fall 2011 Newsletter

http://ncdmph.usuhs.edu/Site_n/NewsEvents/201111-Newsletter.htm

RAD RESILIENT CITY: A PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST TO SAVE LIVES AFTER A NUCLEAR DETONATION

<http://issuu.com/centerforbiosecurity/docs/radresilientcity?mode=window&backgroundColor=%23222222>

Would You Pass the Panic-Proof Test?

<http://blogs.smithsonianmag.com/paleofuture/2011/11/would-you-pass-the-panic-proof-test/>

Remember: All Disasters Are Local, Says FEMA Deputy Administrator

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Remember-All-Disasters-Are-Local-Says-FEMA-Deputy-Administrator.html>

What Big-Box Retailers Can Teach Government about Disaster Recovery

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Big-Box-Retailers-Teach-Disaster-Recovery.html>

Law Enforcement Takes on the 'Sovereigns'

<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2011/winter/law-enforcement-takes-on-the-sovereig>

Eric Holdeman's Blog, Learning from Leaders

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disaster-zone/learning-from-leaders-112611.html>

FEMA Blog, the End of Hurricane Season...But Not the Need to Be Prepared

<http://blog.fema.gov/2011/11/end-of-hurricane-seasonbut-not-need-to.html>

In case of emergency, use the app

<http://www.homeland1.com/eval/articles/1189680-In-case-of-emergency-use-the-app/>

US vulnerable to cyber attacks: military chief

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45469416/ns/technology_and_science-tech_and_gadgets/

Teen planned shooting rampage at Lake Brantley high, police say (Florida)

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/features/education/os-lake-brantley-shooting-threats-columbine-20111123,0,2186571.story>

CDC Warns of New Swine Flu Strain

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/health/2011/11/25/new-swine-flu-strain/>

Social Media 4 Emergency Management, the Brick Walls

<http://www.sm4em.org/2011/11/the-brick-walls/>