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

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

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

CHILD BED

A young couple in the area are in need of a suitable baby bed for their nearly 2 y/o little girl. Please contact me by e-mail or phone if you learn of an available bed, I will pass the information along to those assisting them at this time! Thank you!

Judith Naler Community Outreach Coordinator/Paralegal Legal Services of North Florida, Inc
118 South Baylen Street, Pensacola, FL. 32502 **850-432-8222 ext 5008**

INFORMATION

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

CAMPAIGN KICK OFF SEPTEMBER 16

We invite you, your colleagues and friends to our annual campaign kickoff to celebrate United Way's annual fundraising campaign to take place Friday, September 16 at 11 a.m. at the Santa Rosa Medical Center Education Building (behind the hospital).

Special thanks to our Kick Off Sponsor [Santa Rosa Medical Center](http://SantaRosaMedicalCenter.com)! Thank you so much for all you do. Please RSVP to kendra@unitedwaysrc.org

Here is a PDF of the pledge card. Please consider sharing this with as many people as possible in the community.



UWNNewPledgeCard.
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Here is a brochure that gives a breakdown of what the United Way of Santa Rosa does for our community and lists all the community organizations you will be supporting by contributing to the United Way of Santa Rosa.



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COALITION ON THE HOMELESS NEEDS HELP

It is that time of the year again when the EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless is required to do a count of the Homeless in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties, and we need your help. Some of you have helped with this in the past and are fully aware of how difficult a task we have before us. This year we need EVERYONE to participate and to help get this accomplished so that we will receive the maximum amount of funding available for our community.

In an effort to get a more complete and accurate count this year, we are beginning our Census Count meetings a little earlier. The ECOH has decided to take the role of lead chair for the 2012 count. However, your help is needed to take the lead in sub-committees, including:

Logistics: One person should assure the logistics and scheduling are completed, coordinating with each of the main providers who feed or give other services during the 24-hour window (e.g., breakfast at Loaves and Fishes), so a corps of trained volunteers can swoop in there and get them done quickly.

School Systems: We need a representative from each of the 2 school systems.

Data Entry: Someone should be focused on getting the volunteers signed up to do the data entry as soon as the count itself is finished. The HMIS team will emphasize the importance of complete, clean data. HMIS data-entry volunteers will need to be trained before they can enter data into the HMIS system.

Training: Someone should take the lead in scheduling and getting the training done for those who actually administer the survey. This is usually done in at least three areas –Milton, Navarre, and Pensacola.

Give-Aways: Someone should focus on give-aways for those who agree to fill out the survey.

Media: A media/press lead is needed.

In addition, we need to demonstrate increased coordination with:

- Education system
- VA
- Mainstream providers (like Escambia Community Health Clinic)

Please make every effort to attend the 2012 Annual Census Count Kick-Off meeting; **September 20th, 2011 at 10:00 am. at the EscaRosa Coalition On the Homeless in Pensacola, located at 2601 W. Strong Street.**

Your help will aid in the success of the Census Count survey and every qualified homeless person: man, woman, youth, and child, civilian and veteran. Your assistance will go towards documenting the local need for additional resources and measuring our local progress towards the total elimination of individuals and families sleeping out of doors in our community's woods, beaches, abandoned buildings and in their private vehicles.

Serene Keiek, Santa Rosa County Coordinator EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless
O: 850.436.4646 F: 850.436.4656 C: 850.255.5585

ECOH HELP

Last year SAFER donated \$250 worth of socks to the ECOH as giveaways (see part in red above) for homeless participants in the PIT in Santa Rosa County. We were able to do this through generous donations received through our paypal account (located on the web at www.safersantarosa.org) If you are able to provide any of the assistance requested in the above request please contact Serene. Any paypal donations received between now and the beginning of the PIT survey will go towards this worthy cause.

Why is it important to get a count? Homeless grant dollars are tied to the count.

Why do we give the homeless useful gifts for participating? Because some of them are nervous about answering questions and filling out forms. All assistance is welcomed.

ECOH MEETING

Good afternoon friends, this is a reminder that on September 13th, we are having our monthly General Coalition meeting at United Way of Santa Rosa County. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. I have attached an agenda.



Agenda general
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DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #36: CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS - THE 72 HOUR RULE

This year has been one for the record books. Hurricane Irene will likely be the 10th billion-dollar disaster of 2011, breaking the annual record dating back to 1980. This year's blizzards, floods, forest fires, earthquakes, tornadoes, tsunamis, and tropical storms have all been valuable reminders about the importance of preparedness.

As we have seen, when disaster strikes, roads may be blocked or impassable and it may be several days before assistance can reach you. It is critical that you prepared to be on your own for the first 72 hours after a disaster.

In light of National Preparedness Month and in an effort to help you prepare, Agility is hosting a free webinar tomorrow, September 7th at 2:00 EST. Please join us in welcoming Chief David Paulison, Former Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as he discusses the need for individuals, organizations and communities to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following any interruption.

Culture of Preparedness – The 72 Hour Rule

Guest Speaker: Chief David Paulison

September 7th – 2:00 p.m. EST [Click here to Register](#)

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With Hurricane Irene barreling through the Bahamas as a strong Category 3 storm, the Eastern seaboard of the United States watches with trepidation and prepares to brace for what could be the strongest and most damaging hurricane to hit the East Coast in decades. All hurricane and storm tracking agencies are now concurring that the projected path of Irene will most likely make initial contact with the U.S. mainland in the Hatteras/Outer Banks areas--two hot-spots of the North Carolina tourism industry. Mandatory evacuations have been ordered for visitors to the Outer Banks islands and may be extended to residents as Irene's progress is tracked. Even more ominous is the path expected beyond the Carolina coast. Hurricane Irene is expected to continue a north-northeastern track, clinging to the Eastern coastline while delivering hurricane force winds and flooding rains to major metropolitan areas such as Washington, DC, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, and continuing to the

Canadian border. The projections of this storm place a population of approximately 55 million people at risk for potentially life-threatening conditions.

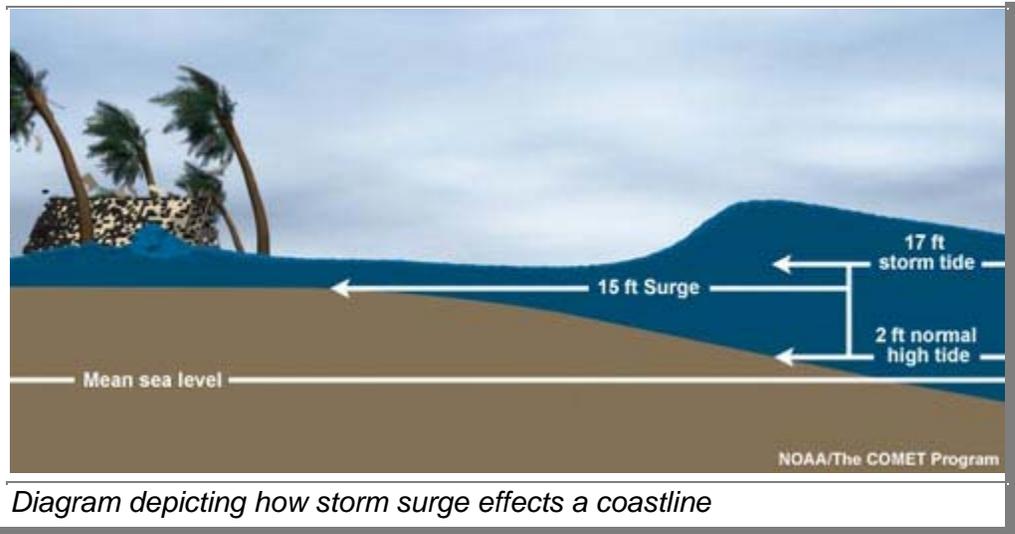
Hurricanes have become a large part of summer's end for those living in the Southeast and, in some cases, have had a devastating economic impact on the areas in their path. The related costs are in the billions of dollars and the burden is felt by virtually everyone--industry, federal and state governments, businesses, and homeowners. For instance, the City of New Orleans has a 7-million dollar contract in place which would ensure bus transportation for residents to a safe location in the event they are again threatened with a storm such as Hurricane Katrina.

The city of New Orleans' cost of recovery, and implementation of safety measures in the event of another destructive storm, is in excess of \$100 billion dollars and counting.

According to global weather studies, we are now in an era in which more, rather than fewer, of these severe weather events can be expected. My fifteen (15) years in the insurance restoration industry, both as a contractor and as an expert/appraiser for insurers & owners, has enabled me to identify the critical elements of the recovery and claims process. These steps are detailed below.

Documentation

- Immediately following a loss, safety concerns should be the first item of attention. Once safety issues have been identified and dealt with, an immediate plan for the mitigation of the loss should be developed. It is



also at this early stage that the documentation of the conditions should be completed. Before the first tree is cut away from the building or the first temporary roof is applied, the property should be photographed in its entirety. It is wise to also consider a photo of your property within the context of the neighborhood to establish that surrounding properties are equally affected. It is important to include landmarks in your photo, along with pictures with greater perspective, as well as, close-up shots of the property--all with the date stamp on the photo. The pictures should include the flood line if one exists--this would include a visible tape measure marking the height of the flood waters from the finished floor elevation. Objects that impacted the structure or remain on the building should be photographed before they are removed, unless they create an ingress/egress safety hazard. The ability to take digital photos will greatly improve your ability to share data with insurers and others. *Remember: Never submit your original photos to involved parties!!!* Keep originals in a safe place, while submitting copies to insurers and others. It is imperative to photograph the building and its contents PRE-STORM (prior to the loss) in order to prove the original condition of your property, especially in the case of a total loss or complete loss, as was all too common after Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast in 2005.

Mitigation - The second step is to mitigate (to make less severe) the damages, as required in most insurance policies. Following a major hurricane, it may be some time before you will be visited by your insurer. At this stage, it is the homeowner's financial responsibility to mitigate the loss and prevent the loss from becoming worse, if possible. In addition to preventing the further entry of water, implementation of a plan to remove water-damaged building components is necessary. As many people are aware, the presence of mold is potentially harmful to one's general health, and can even be toxic to certain people. According to research from many sources, mold can begin in 24-48 hours after the introduction of water to cellulose building components, i.e., drywall, interior wood trim, wall paper, etc. (**EPA Mold Guide**). Often, people

are not even able to return to their properties in this time frame, particularly on the barrier islands. Many insurance policies specifically exclude the costs associated with detailed mold remediation work; therefore, it is advantageous to remove water-damaged building components promptly and treat the affected areas with a mildicide to prevent the spreading of mold.

Causation, Quantification and Costs – The next step in the restoration of a property affected by an insured loss is to establish how the damage occurred, what was the result to the structure, and what will it cost to restore the property. This is where the restoration can become very complicated and prompt an individual to consult with an expert in the industry. In the case of wind vs. flood, there are many, many factors--more than could be enumerated in this report; however, it is critical to develop an understandable chain of logical conclusions. One would need to examine the flood line, the impact of objects carried in the flood (either still or velocity water), the elevation of the property, the wind speeds, and the presence or absence of straight line or tornado winds. Each of these factors would then be compared to the structure and its attributes.

Once an opinion is reached as to the cause of damage, the loss can then be broken down according to the peril and the actual size and type of building materials affected. At this point, it would be prudent to locate your house plans and enlist the services of a professional to complete an assessment of damages or conduct such an assessment oneself. This assessment should include the stated value of each affected item with each item delineated by cause; for example, the roof may be 9,000 square feet of epdm with 1.5 inch of iso-insulation below OR the flood may have taken the bottom four feet of drywall on the bottom floor. Having a trusted contractor, engineer, architect, appraiser, or expert available to break out and apply costs to this data will greatly enhance your ability to have an "apples to apples" comparison with the numbers established by the adjuster. There are many programs that specialize in this type of cost estimating. My personal preference is **Xactimate** software, having utilized it for more than a decade. Xactimate, and similar software programs, compile costs for individual areas and provide them to insurance professionals and restorers, and provide line-by-line details of the damages in reference. While they may appear daunting, once one is familiar with their operation, a great amount of detail can be documented and calculated quite easily.

In addition to the direct physical damages and costs, there may be requirements associated with law and ordinance for particular areas in regard to flood and wind speed zones. If you live in a flood zone, do not be surprised to learn that your property may require elevation after a loss - especially a loss determined to be more than 50% of the value of the structure (pre-storm). In some cases, this is not practical, and relegates the property to that of a total loss requiring demolition and reconstruction compliance.

Important Links:

FEMA >>

International Code Council >>

XACTIMATE >>

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GAME ON!

The National Football League and United Way are teaming up for Back to Football Friday, a

nationwide campaign to celebrate the return of football and tackle childhood obesity. We are encouraging fans to show their NFL team pride at work on September 9th to kickoff the start of the NFL season and to join our efforts to advance youth health and wellness.

Get your workplace involved and celebrate with friends and family. Visit www.backtofootball.org and wear your favorite team's gear or colors on Friday, September 9. Want to have even more fun? Plan special events or activities and upload photos for the chance win prizes.

For nearly 40 years, the NFL and United Way have been working together to strengthen America's communities, most recently by leveraging resources and relationships to raise awareness about the issue of childhood obesity and creating new opportunities for young people to lead healthier lifestyles. Find ways to get involved at www.liveunited.org.

NFL PLAY 60 encourages kids to play at least 60 minutes a day. Since the program launched in 2007, the NFL has committed more than \$200 million to youth health and wellness through programming, grants and media time.

Visit www.backtofootball.org for more information.

BUSINESS RECOVERY PLAN

If your business continuity/recovery plan looks anything like this I encourage you to visit the SAFER web page and look under "links" on the left side and find the business continuity section. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OvMkLCrUtY&NR=1>

MILTON KIWANIS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Attached is a flyer for our Milton Kiwanis bowling tournament! We would be grateful if you can help in any way! We need teams, advertising & prizes!! It is such a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon & for such a great cause - helping children in Santa Rosa County.



Oops Alley Bowling
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Also, on October 8th we'll be having a Pancake Breakfast @Ollies Neighborhood Grill from 8 - 10am for a donation of \$6! A great way to start your day for a great cause!! Thank You in advance for helping look out for our future!! Jimmie (850)686-2176

MESSAGE FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

On September 9, Warner Brothers will be releasing the movie Contagion, a fictional drama that portrays CDC and other U.S. and international partners responding to an emerging infectious disease outbreak. We are reaching out to you in an effort to take advantage of this opportunity to provide accurate and potentially life-saving information to the public about how to prepare for a public health emergency.

When asked to respond to the inevitable question about the plot of the movie, "Could this really happen?" CDC is compelled to say, "Not only could it happen, CDC scientists are working 24/7 to find out if it's happening right now." The following websites are being highlighted to enhance your awareness, particularly during September (National Preparedness Month).

- * CDC Preparedness Information <http://emergency.cdc.gov/>
- * Emergency Preparedness for Individuals <http://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/>
- * Flu Prevention Information <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>

In addition, I hope the following information about CDC's role in emergency preparedness and response is helpful.

- * CDC works with state and local health departments across the United States, as well as international partners around the world, to recognize disease patterns and improve the public health community's ability to respond to health threats.
- * CDC and its partners play key roles in homeland security by maintaining the ability to detect

and respond to outbreaks, as well as natural and man-made disasters, at home and abroad.

* CDC is a key source of evidence for health action — monitoring health, informing clinical and policy decision-making, and providing individuals the information they need to take responsibility for their own health.

* CDC supports state and local public health partners with training and guidance to ensure nationwide lab capacity for detecting and responding to health threats, as well as the capacity to address key risk factors leading to premature death, injury, and disease.

* CDC recognizes that state and local public health departments are the first responders when disease threats occur, and it is their initial investigations that help CDC quickly assist them.

With a sense of urgency do we take this opportunity to educate others about how CDC and the public health community work to keep America safe and how they can join in by being prepared themselves. To learn more about Contagion and how CDC protects America 24/7, visit the following sites:

* Contagion Official Website <http://contagionmovie.warnerbros.com/index.html>

* Contagion and CDC <http://www.cdcfoundation.org/content/how-cdc-saves-lives-controlling-real-global-disease-outbreaks> — A website created by the CDC Foundation to help separate fact from fiction and to highlight CDC's role in preparedness and response

* CDC 24/7 <http://www.cdc.gov/24-7/> — A CDC website that includes information you may find useful on how public health protects Americans from outbreaks

Thank you for your help in spreading the word about the critically important role emergency preparedness plays in protecting the health of people in this country and around the world.

Judith A. Monroe, MD, FAAFP

Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Director, Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support

JOIN SANTA ROSA HEALTH AND REHAB FOR THEIR 40 ANNIVERSARY!

COME ON DOWN, ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Please join us for an anniversary celebration
Santa Rosa Health & Rehab Center

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Thursday, September 15, 2011
4pm until 7pm
5386 Broad Street
Milton Florida

850 623-1661

EIGHT SIGNS OF TERRORISM

Terrorist operations usually begin with extensive planning. You can help prevent and detect terrorism – and other types of crime – by watching out for suspicious activities and reporting them to the proper authorities. Be alert for the eight signs of terrorism!

1. **Surveillance** – Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.
2. **Elicitation** – People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, email, telephone, or in person. This could also include eavesdropping or friendly conversation.
3. **Tests of Security** – Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches, attempts to penetrate physical security barriers, or monitor procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
4. **Funding** – Suspicious transactions involving large cash payments, deposits, or withdrawals are common signs of terrorist funding. Collections for donations, the solicitation for money and criminal activity are also warning signs.
5. **Supplies** – Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. This also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment of manufacture such items) and any other controlled items.
6. **Impersonation** - People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. This includes suspicious border crossings, the impersonation of law enforcement, military personnel, or company employees is also a sign.
7. **Rehearsal** – Putting people in position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.
8. **Deployment** – People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is the person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

GOVERNOR SCOTT JOINS DOMESTIC SECURITY OFFICIALS TO LAUNCH "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"™ CAMPAIGN IN FLORIDA

Governor Rick Scott today joined Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs Betsy Markey, and the leadership of Florida's Domestic Security Oversight Council to launch "If You See Something, Say Something"™ in Florida. The initiative features a toll-free, statewide hotline and online reporting form for citizens to report suspicious activity.

"As we draw closer to the 10-year anniversary of 9-11, there is no better time to remember the many lives lost that day a decade ago, and to remind citizens of the need to remain vigilant," said Governor Scott. "This is another tool that citizens and tourists can use to contact authorities when they witness something they know is out of place."

Tips received through the hotline and online reporting form will go to the Florida Fusion Center, a 24-hour watch desk at FDLE, where intelligence analysts will assess the information and take action in conjunction with the state's Regional Domestic Security Task Forces.

"Florida has sophisticated domestic security and information sharing systems in place and we are safer than ever before," said Commissioner Bailey, chair of the Domestic Security Oversight Council. "Prevention is our first priority, and people who report suspicious activity help us identify and address potential threats early on."

"Our nation's security is a shared responsibility and every citizen plays a critical role in identifying and reporting suspicious activities and threats," said U.S. Department of Homeland

Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. "The new partnership between Florida and DHS on the 'If You See Something, Say Something'™ campaign will help to create a more safe and secure homeland."

DHS recently unveiled television and radio public service announcements that will be broadcast in Florida and across the nation. The state campaign will also include displays on mall posters, bus stops, and other transportation hubs. To help encourage public awareness, the Florida Outdoor Advertising Association, through its member network of companies, has donated space on digital billboards statewide until mid-September.

"If You See Something, Say Something"™ was originally created by the New York City Transportation Authority and subsequently adopted by the DHS, which has partnered and launched the initiative with NCAA, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the NBA, the NFL, as well as several states including Colorado, Minnesota and New Jersey, more than 9,000 federal buildings nationwide, Walmart, Mall of America, the American Hotel and Lodging Association, Amtrak, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the general aviation industry, and state and local fusion centers across the country. For more information please visit www.dhs.gov/IfYouSeeSomethingSaySomething

Officials encourage anyone who sees suspicious activity to report it to local authorities or call 1-855-FLA-SAFE (1-855-352-7233). It can also be reported online through FDLE's website at www.fdle.state.fl.us

SRYP SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Social sponsored by Gulf Power Company

When: Friday, September 23 at 5:00pm

Where: Chili's Bar & Grill, 4701 Highway 90, Pace

TGIF! Start your weekend out right with some cold beverages, good food and great fellowship with friends.

*Please RSVP to **Jayer Williamson** by Wednesday, September 21 so we can reserve the appropriate amount of tables to accommodate our group.

SRYP Members needed for a FUN event!

Once again this year, SRYP will be sponsoring a hole and serving our ,now famous, "Lemonade" & "Dirty Lemonade" at the 4th Annual "Help the House" Golf Tournament on Friday, September 16, 2011. This year's tournament will be held at Stonebrook Golf Club in Pace. We will need you there by 11:30am. Tournament starts at noon. Be sure to wear your SRYP t-shirt. Email **Jayer Williamson** for more details since he got us into this again this year!

Volunteer Opportunity:

Saddle up partners, yeehaw!! Covenant Hospice is looking for volunteers to help with their Blue Jeans & BBQ event October 1. Click this link, **Blue Jeans & BBQ** for more information and email **Angie** before September 16 to volunteer for what is sure to be a great event.

Discount offered to SRYP Members:

Strap on your jogging shoes and get to moving! This year's Riverwalk Run 5K is October 1 at 5pm and all SRYP Members receive a \$10 discount. For more information on this run/walk, visit their website - **Riverwalk Run 5K**. Email **Linsey Williamson** to receive the special sign up form specifically for SRYP Members. Discount only offered if you sign up by September 8 so act fast!

VETERANS SUMMIT - SEPT 29, 2011

Please mark your calendar for this event! We are pleased to partner with Santa Rosa County United Way to bring this great program for you. Be sure to register early to reserve your spot! Help us spread the word and forward these attachments to all veterans and community and government agencies that have any interest in veteran issues.

This is a great opportunity to learn what your business can do to help veterans and how the veteran issues impact your business and our entire community. We will be taking a closer look at many new programs to help our veterans and to help organizations that can provide assistance for veterans.

The attached flyer gives the details and the registration forms are in both pdf and doc formats for your convenience.

Hope to see you at our Veterans Summit on September 29th in Milton.



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VS Registration Form.docx



VS Flyer.pdf



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THE INAUGURAL GULF COAST VETERANS SUMMIT

Thursday, September 29 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Santa Rosa County Auditorium
4530 Spikes Way
Milton, FL 32570

The Center for Strategic Military Excellence and United Way of Santa Rosa County are proud to present the first Gulf Coast Veterans Summit. Don't miss this opportunity to take a closer look at Veteran-specific programs and how they will affect your business. Find out what programs are in place, what challenges and systemic issues plague our veterans, what options and programs are needed, and how you can get connected.

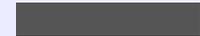
Our Gulf Coast Community is the cradle of military training and home to thousands of veterans, now is our time to give back to those who gave for our freedom. You will have an opportunity to participate in break-out sessions, networking, goal setting and developing action plans and new collaborations to benefit veterans and their families in your community.

Participants will discuss:

- **Economic Impact** - Employment Incentives & Connecting to Tri-Care
- **Health Care Options** - Persons with Disabilities & Suicide Risks
- **Collaborations** - Who, When & How
- **Understanding the VA**- What is it & How to Connect

The cost of the event is \$35 per attendee and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Limited scholarships available. Funds raised will be used for United Way's Veterans Benevolence Fund.

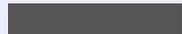
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For more information on scholarships or to register, contact United Way at (850) 623-4507.

FEMA APPLICATION FOR PHONES

In the new FEMA App, you'll be able to:

- Check off the items you have in your family's emergency kit,

- Enter your family emergency meeting locations,
- Review safety tips on what to do before, during and after a disaster,
- View a map of shelters and disaster recovery centers across the U.S., and
- Read our latest blog posts.

When we built the app, we kept the disaster survivor in mind, making sure much of the information would be available even if cell phone service isn't, so you'll be able to access the important information on how to safe after a disaster, as well as your family emergency meeting locations.

So as Administrator Fugate said, you can download our app today in the [Android market](#), and look for FEMA App for Blackberry version 6 devices and iPhones in the coming weeks.

FEMA Text Messages

A new and separate service from the new app, our text message updates will allow cell phone users to receive text message updates from FEMA.

- Text **PREPARE** to **43362** (4FEMA) to sign up to receive monthly disaster safety tips
- Text **SHELTER** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: **shelter 12345**)
(For availability of shelters and services, contact your local emergency management agency.)
- Text **DRC** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest disaster recovery center in your area (for example, if you lived in Annandale, Virginia with a Zip Code of 22003, you'd text **DRC 22003**).

We're excited to provide these two new ways you can access information on your mobile device, in addition to our already existing mobile site – m.fema.gov. Stay tuned to our [blog](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels as we roll out our app to the remaining smartphone operating systems and make enhancements to our text messages program.

So [download the app](#) or text **PREPARE** to **43362**, and then leave us a comment and let us know what you think. We encourage you to tell a family member, friend, or neighbor as well, so they can have disaster safety information always at their fingertips.

FEMA app frequently asked questions

Q: Will I get emergency alerts and warnings through the FEMA App?

A: No. The FEMA App provides preparedness and disaster recovery information only. If you are in an emergency situation and need to reach a first responder, you should always dial 911. And remember to listen to your state and local officials for instructions and updates about emergencies where you live.

Q: Can I discontinue using the App at anytime?

A: Yes. To discontinue using the FEMA App, simply delete the icon on your smartphone or remove it just like you remove any other App on your smartphone.

Q: What are the future enhancements?

A: If you have suggestions/ideas for future enhancements, please send them to: FEMA-new-media@dhs.gov. FEMA will continue to develop enhancements and add them to updated versions of the App, and we welcome your input.

FEMA text messages frequently asked questions

Q: Can I discontinue using this service at anytime?

A: Yes. To stop receiving Text Messages from FEMA, simply text: **STOP** to **43362** (4FEMA).

Q: How often will I receive these messages?

A: If you sign up for the monthly preparedness message, then obviously once a month. When we create additional keywords to sign up for more information, we will let you know how often we think we will send updates. At any time, you can unsubscribe from updates by texting: **Stop** to **43362** (4FEMA).

Q: *What are the future enhancements?*

A: If you have suggestions/ideas for other information you would like to receive via text message, please send them to: FEMA-new-media@dhs.gov

Q: *Will I get emergency alerts and warnings through the FEMA Text Messaging?*

A: No. FEMA Text Messages are not for emergency alerts or notifications. If you are in an emergency situation and need to reach a first responder, you should always dial 911. And remember to listen to your state and local officials for instructions and updates about emergencies where you live

HEALTH FAIR



Thursday, September 15th, 2011
8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. @ Pensacola State College Milton Campus Gym

Sponsored by:

Pensacola State College, Milton Campus
Santa Rosa Medical Center
Sacred Heart Health System

All health screenings are at no cost and include:

5 panel Cholesterol + PSA screening – requires a 10 hour fast, Diabetes screening, Body Mass Index, Pulmonary Function test, hearing assessment, 10 minute chair massages, height/weight and blood pressure, bone density, stroke risk analysis, oxygen saturation assessment, breast cancer awareness, smoking cessation. Northwest Florida Blood Services will be accepting blood donations. For more information please call 484-4491

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us and become our friend ;-) We are up to 269 people! Invite friends.



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. 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.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

THE ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

Active shooters engage in killing or attempting to kill innocent and unsuspecting people in both private and public areas. In many cases, there is no pattern or method to the selection of victims by an active shooter, and these situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. To help you prepare for the possibility of an active shooter incident, the Active Shooter Awareness Virtual Roundtable will raise awareness of common triggers and characteristics of active shooters and help you understand how to prepare for potential incidents. This free, online interactive roundtable will include video, commentary by behavioral and security experts, and a question-and-answer session. This roundtable will better prepare you to deal with an active shooter situation and to recognize dangerous behavior before it turns deadly.

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm (EDT)

Who Should Attend: Security staff, private sector owners and operators, government agencies and organizations, and employees from all industries

Moderator: Andrea Schultz, Sector-Specific Agency Executive Management Office, National Protection and Programs, Dept. of Homeland Security

Panelists: Samuel Mayhugh, Ph.D., Founder, Office of the President, Integrated Behavioral Health, Jim McGinty, Vice President of Training and Safety, Covenant Security Services

Sign Up: Register and log in through [Visual Webcaster](#) to participate in this important, interactive virtual roundtable. A limited number of phone lines will be available for participants, so please plan to listen online using either your computer's speakers or headphones.

Registration closes September 23, 2011.

For more information, contact activeshooterawareness@dhs.gov.

[Register for email updates for the next Critical Infrastructure Learning Series Webinar.](#)

http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1231165582452.shtm

NEW SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING COURSE FROM COMET

The COMET Program is pleased to announce the publication of the SKYWARN Spotter Training Course. This course consists of two modules, "Role of the SKYWARN Spotter" and "SKYWARN Spotter Convective Basics", that provide baseline training for spotters including an overview of the national program and its history as well as actions to take during severe thunderstorms. Learners review multiple scenarios that walk them through procedures for making spotter reports with best practices for maintaining personal safety. They work through image galleries to practice identifying the spectrum of each storm feature in the field.

This course includes photographs, video, audio narration, and companion print versions. The intended audience for the SKYWARN Spotter Training Course is the general public interested in becoming storm spotters, and after this training, you can register to become a SKYWARN spotter with the NWS. Please follow this link to enroll in the course:

http://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23.

Most COMET modules use JavaScript and Adobe® Flash® for navigation, animation, and/or presentation of multimedia elements. Ensure that you have a browser updated to its latest version with JavaScript enabled and the latest version of the Adobe FlashPlayer installed (<http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>). For technical support for this module please visit our Registration and Support FAQs at http://www.meted.ucar.edu/resources_faq.php.

We welcome any comments or questions you may have regarding the content, instructional approach, or use of this module. Please e-mail your comments or questions to Bryan Guarente (guarente@comet.ucar.edu) or Liz Page (epage@comet.ucar.edu)

PER 259 SHARING INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO FOOD IMPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is collaborating with the Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness at the University of Tennessee-College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Florida-Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences, and the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to offer these Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certified courses in Florida. **The courses are open to all United States Citizens, and are free of charge through DHS grant funding.**

PER Course Offerings:

PER 259 Sharing Information and Intelligence Related to Food Importation and Transportation

- Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with an hour lunch break at the Escambia County Public Safety Facility, 6575 "W" Street, Pensacola, FL 32505

register or get more information, by clicking on link: www.flsart.org/mqtcourses

If you have questions or comments regarding this course, please contact John Burkette with the Office of Agricultural Emergency Preparedness, Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at John.Burkette@freshfromflorida.com or **(850) 245-1387**

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

Poll: 42 percent of pet owners wouldn't evacuate in an emergency unless pets could come too
http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/poll-42-percent-of-pet-owners-wouldnt-evacuate-in-an-emergency-unless-pets-could-come-too/2011/08/30/gIQApezGqJ_story.html

A wireless system that works when disasters hit
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44261096/ns/technology_and_science-wireless/

Sociology in the Storms
http://www.insidehighered.com/layout/set/popup/news/2011/08/29/sociologists_of_disaster_see_research_in_storms

Planning — or not — for the next disaster
http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/planning--or-not--for-the-next-disaster/2011/08/26/gIQAiY71qJ_story.html?tid=sm_facebook

CDC Evacuation Guidelines: Follow Them
<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2011/08/CDC-Public-Should-Follow-Government-Evacuation-Guidelines.aspx>

Study shows first responders will report to duty, but need assistance with family matters
<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-08-duty-family.html>

The Cleanup Grinds On for Months after Disasters
http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/05/us/05debris.html?_r=2

First responders visualize post-event disaster environments
<http://www.rdmag.com/News/2011/08/Information-Technology-Software-First-Responders-Visualize-Post-Event-Disaster-Environments/>

Funding for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Trimmed

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/funding-for-public-health-emergency-preparedness-trimmed/dc5e60a398349f197bfb3859dad61349.html>

Accurate Disaster Behavioral Response Planning: A Guide for Business Continuity Planners
<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2006/12/accurate-disaster-behavioral-response-planning-guide-business-continuity-planners/>

Be ready with disaster preparedness apps
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44246299/ns/technology_and_science-wireless/

Text Messages Aren't Enough When Natural Disasters Strike
<http://www.fastcompany.com/1775828/why-text-messages-arent-enough-when-disaster-strikes>

Small business vulnerability
http://www.pcworld.com/article/237457/speedy_malware_infects_more_than_6_million_web_pages.html

Private Sector Involvement in Disaster Preparedness Key to Recovery, Officials Agree
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/private-sector-involvement-in-disaster-preparedness-key-to-recovery-officials-agree/d93303fdaf815110277fd28a27479262.html>

Harnessing the Power of Social Media in Times of Crisis
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Harnessing-Social-Media-Connect-with-Communities.html>

Emergency Managers Earn Their Keep
<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2011/08/Emergency-Managers-Earn-Their-Keep/Page/1.aspx>

Businesses play key role in thwarting terror
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-07-31-arrested-soldier-terror-tips_n.htm

Why Emergency Managers Should Use Social Media
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/video/Why-Emergency-Managers-Should-Use-Social.html>

Most Terror Plot Dot-Connecting is Local, Study Finds
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/most-terror-plot-dot-connecting-is-local-study-finds/d961d86e32b3993901361eafd39cb928.html>

Disasters hit businesses hard, keeping many permanently closed
<http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/disasters-hit-businesses-hard-keeping-many-permanently-closed>

Disaster planning vital to business
<http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/article/Disaster-planning-vital-to-business-1453613.php#ixzz1RtrhvCDi>