



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA

www.safersantarosa.org

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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

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give". -- Winston Churchill

U-COUNT HOMELESS SERVICES DAY REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

In conjunction with the annual Point In Time Count we will be holding a U-Count Day of Homeless Services at 2601 W Strong Street. This will be a day the homeless will be able to come and receive health screens, hygiene kits, and other services they may need. U-Count Day of Homeless Services will take place on January 24th. We are currently requesting donations for the U-Count-Homeless Services Day.

Donations Needed

Socks, Gloves, Chap stick, Small LED Flashlights, Duffle Bags/Backpacks, Ponchos, Candles, Toilet Paper, Men's Clothing, Blankets

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, you can do so on the www.ecoh.org webpage. You can call 439-3009, 232-9548 for drop off information

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers for our PIT 2013 count. The PIT stands for Point In Time count, a day where we try to obtain an accurate count of every homeless person in Escambia and Santa Rosa County. This is done through the use of surveys, but most importantly it is the volunteers who give these surveys to our homeless population. Volunteers will count homeless at shelters, food pantries, or going out into homeless camps. PIT 2013 will take place on January 23rd. If you would like to volunteer for the PIT 2013 count or our U-Count day of Homeless Services please register on-line at www.ecoh.org

DATE: January 24, 2013 TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: EscaRosa Coalition On the Homeless/Brownsville Baptist Church 2601 W. Strong St. Pensacola, FL



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MAT MAKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Our growing group will meet on Monday, December 17, in the St. Michael the Archangel Room (in new building) at 9 AM. Our group would like to thank all volunteers who have been saving bags for us; colored bags are particularly welcomed as they give a boost to the mats. So far, since July when we started, we have turned in 10 mats (it takes about two months to complete one) and we should have 4-5 more by Christmas.

Location: St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 6451 Park Avenue, Milton FL
Directions: Click on this Google map link for a map and directions > [6451 Park Ave](#)

OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS HOMEBOUND PERSON FOR CHRISTMAS.

Anyone in Pensacola area that has a small kitchen table w/two chairs, small couch, small night stand and have truck will travel with stuff to downtown area please let me know. I know someone who has no family/funds here and only has a bed, small dresser and LR chair in her apt. She has all her belongings in bins and uses them as tables. On oxygen so no smokers stuff please and Please, I know about thrift stores and agencies with applications she can't fill out. I want straight out donations. Yeah, I get picky with my precious ones! Contact Mary Lynn mlewilliams@msn.com if you can help.

SHOE DRIVE

Bridges out of Poverty (SAFERs Unmet Needs Committee) is requesting new shoes (all sizes) for men, women, boys and girls. If you prefer to make a monetary donation you can do so on the SAFER webpage. You can call 983-5001 for drop off information.

INFORMATION

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

SHOPPING LOCALLY IN MILTON JUST GOT EASIER

<http://www.mainstreetmilton.org/> will tell you all about Milton and there is an app you can download to help you shop locally.

REIMAGINE SANTA ROSA COUNTY- 26 JANUARY 2013

Take a moment to look at the PDF about this wonderful opportunity coming in January.



Reimagine Santa
Rosa Flyer.pdf

All Activities are FREE to our Guests

Children's Activities (inflatables, face painting, etc.)	Food Give Away (6,000 pounds)
Health Screening/Aids Testing	Clothing Give Away
Live Music	Lunch Provided
Learn How to Fish w/Mission Fishin'	Haircuts
Manicures	Youth/Teen Activities and Sports
and much, much more!

For additional information regarding this event, please contact
Linda English, 850-454-5280 or Greg English, 850-712-8387 or find us at
www.reimagineworldwide.org.

KEEP YOUR HOLIDAYS BRIGHT FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN BEGINS DECEMBER 1

Santa Rosa County emergency service agencies are teaming up for the sixth year to promote fire safety during the month of December with the "Keep Your Holidays Bright" campaign. While a joyous time of year, cold weather, holiday decorations and festivities can create serious fire dangers. Fire fighters hope to reduce the number of fires in Santa Rosa County by promoting simple, life-saving holiday safety tips each day, December 1 through the 31.

In addition to the daily fire safety tips, Santa Rosa's Keep Your Holidays Bright campaign centers around a Christmas tree located in the Santa Rosa County Administration Complex on

Caroline Street, decorated with electric candles. Each time firefighters respond to a working residential fire or large wildfire causing fire damage, a candle will be “extinguished” and replaced with a card noting the basic details of the fire. In the first year nine candles were extinguished on the safety tree, three in the second year, six in the 2009 campaign, four in 2010 and six in 2011.

According to the United States Fire Administration, 76 percent of fire injuries affecting civilians occurred in our homes. Fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 945 people, injure 3,825, and cause over \$1.7 billion in damage. Nationally, cooking is the leading cause of residential building fires in December, accounting for 41 percent of fires, followed by heating fires at 28 percent, open flame fires at nine percent, and incendiary/suspicious fires seven percent.

Each fire department in Santa Rosa County including Allentown Volunteer Fire, Avalon Fire/Rescue, Bagdad Volunteer Fire, Berrydale Volunteer Fire, the City of Milton Fire, East Milton Fire and Rescue, Gulf Breeze Volunteer Fire, Harold Volunteer Fire, Holley-Navarre Fire District, Jay Volunteer Fire, Midway Fire District, Munson Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc.; Navarre Beach Fire, Pace Fire/Rescue District, Skyline Fire and Rescue District, Florida Forest Service, Santa Rosa County Emergency Management and Lifeguard Ambulance Service are working together to promote holiday safety.

Daily Fire Safety Tips (Corresponds with Escambia’s Keep the Wreath Green Campaign):

- Dec. 17 Be sure your fireplace is covered with a metal screen or glass doors to prevent the spread of sparks and fire.
- Dec. 18 Make sure to have a working smoke alarm outside of every bedroom and on every level of your house. Make sure to test monthly and change batteries every time you change your clocks.
- Dec. 19 With children out of school, people doing yard work, dry vegetation, high-winds and low-humidity, remember that wildfires can happen quickly.
- Dec. 20 If you are enjoying the great outdoors during the holidays, don’t leave campfires or warming fires unattended – make sure they are completely out!
- Dec. 21 Never leave cooking food unattended. Handles on stovetop pots should be turned away from the front, so they won’t be accidentally tipped or knocked over.
- Dec. 22 Before you cook that holiday dinner be sure that the oven and stovetop are clean, free of grease, and are in good working order.
- Dec. 23 Keep cooking areas clean and free of grease and other combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes, and food packaging), which can catch fire easily.
- Dec. 24 Do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace because of the high flammability, dangerous sparks and possibility of flash fires.
- Dec. 25 Remember to be safety conscious and have a happy holiday.
- Dec. 26 When purchasing a space heater look for heaters that have safety features such as cut-off switches that turn the heater off if they accidentally tip over or overheat.
- Dec. 27 Space heaters need space. Make sure they are at least 3 feet away from combustible materials such as draperies, furniture, bedding, clothing and decorations. Also teach youngsters to keep away from them.

- Dec. 28 Use only UL labeled space heaters and follow the manufactured instructions. Never use stoves, ovens or other cooking appliances to warm your home.
- Dec. 29 Turn space heaters off when you leave the room. Also, remember to constantly supervise children and pets when space heaters are in use.
- Dec. 30 Don't cut up and burn your tree in the fireplace. Burning evergreens give off tar and creosol, which can ignite and cause a chimney fire. Dispose of your tree by following the instructions of your local trash disposal service.
- Dec. 31 Don't drink and drive, have a designated driver or call a friend.

RESERVE YOUR BOOTH SPACE NOW FOR THE ANNUAL HEALTH & BUSINESS EXPO

The Navarre Chamber will host their Annual Health & Business Expo on Saturday, January 26th, 2013, from 9 am - Noon at the Navarre High School, 8600 High School Blvd.

The theme for the 2013 Expo is "Showcasing the Heartbeat of Navarre". The Chamber hopes that businesses and organizations will use the theme to decorate their booth space, offer Valentine's Day specials, as well as show off what they have to offer the Navarre area.

The Expo benefits both consumers and business owners. There is always a steady stream of people of all ages in need of health screenings, a new doctor as well wanting to see what kinds of goods and services are available in the Navarre area.

The event will feature local small businesses, community and non-profit organizations, and health related businesses in Navarre and the surrounding area with interactive booths and activities. Event details are in the final planning stages, but businesses are encouraged to reserve their booth space early to ensure availability and to select their preferred booth location. Booth space and sponsor opportunities are limited but available for both Navarre Chamber and future-Navarre Chamber members.

The Navarre Chamber Health & Business Expo is free to the public, and the attendance usually averages 1,200 attendees.

A Reservation Form, Sponsor Information, and a Layout of the Exhibit Halls are attached and/or you can log on to www.navarrechamber.com or call the Chamber at 939-3267.

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to 454 people! Invite friends. **Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.** Invite your Santa Rosa friends to join you on the SAFER Facebook page.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades and other events in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) or non profits, that are hosting events that are free and open to the public. 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 \$8 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

Barricades are being used 2 more times in December for a total this year of almost one deployment of barricades a month. Seeking sponsors!!!!!!!

OPPORTUNITIES

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

FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY TASK FORCE/STRIKE TEAM LEADER

DATE: January 15-17, 2013

TIME: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST

LOCATION: Ocean City-Wright Fire Control District, 2 Racetrack Rd., NE, Ft. Walton Beach FL

Course Goals:

- Demonstrate the ability to apply the Risk Management Process found in the Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG) to various incidents.
- Identify and describe the responsibilities of a Task Force/Strike Team Leader (TFLD/STL).
- Demonstrate the ability to apply appropriate tactics in various incident situations with various resources organized into strike teams or task forces.

Course Scope: This course is a critical to First Responders who will work on Hazardous Materials Incidents such as train derailments, overturned trucks containing hazardous materials, natural gas pipeline incidents. This course trains the responders how to organize, deploy and engage resources, track resource accomplishments, and work within the ICS framework. It will help them with pre-engagement planning, as well as how to engage the incident efficiently. The table-top exercises, or large group incident scene simulations are optimal to develop effective incident management skills for the Task Force or Strike Team Leader. The students will be given a simulated incident involving hazardous materials truck/train derailment with a chemical release to demonstrate risks associated with the incident and the operational implications.

Suggested Audience: First Responders: HazMat, Firefighters, Law Enforcement, Transportation and other personnel who provide initial response to incidents.

Prerequisites: The following are suggested prerequisites for the course:

- ICS 100, 200, 300, & 400

Class Size is 20 students. Please register online at: <http://trac.floridadisaster.org>

If you need additional information, please contact Kathy Ahlen at 850-332-7976 or 800-226-8914 x210. Sponsored by District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

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

Experts: Flu spreading faster than usual

http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/12/03/flu-season-ramping-up-early-experts-say/?hpt=hp_t3

Disasters are unavoidable but planning can lessen their effects

<http://news.nurse.com/article/20121203/NATIONAL01/112030047#.UMEVQAWNNcB.facebook>

Emergency Response for People who have Access and Functional Needs: A Guide for First Responders

<http://terrorism.spcollege.edu/SPAWARAFN/index.html>

The Red Guide to Recovery: Resource Handbook for Disaster Survivors

<http://www.theredguidetorecovery.com/>

Tips for Effectively Communicating with Protected Populations During Response and Recovery
<http://www.dhs.gov/publication/tips-effectively-communicating-protected-populations-during-response-and-recovery>

Contacts Are Key in Emergency Management
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Contacts-Key-Emergency-Management.html>

Health in Aging, Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults Website
<http://www.healthinaging.org/resources/resource:emergency-preparedness-for-older-adults/>

Zombies and Preparedness: Five tips for using metaphors in exercises and outreach
<http://freeresources.lucienanton.com/2012/10/zombies-and-preparedness-five-tips-for-using-metaphors-in-exercises-and-outreach.html>

"Mommy, I'm Scared." Ways to Comfort Children during Disasters
<http://redcrossdallas.blogspot.com/2012/10/mommy-im-scared-ways-to-comfort.html>

Woeful Success Rate in Citizen Preparedness Suggests New Approaches is Necessary
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Woeful-Success-Rate-Citizen-Preparedness.html>

Emergency Managers' Best Practices for Evacuating Communities
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Best-Practices-Evacuating-Communities.html>

Most U.S. Small Businesses Back Up Data as a Precaution, but May Not Be Sufficiently Prepared for a Crisis
http://finance.yahoo.com/news/sage-survey-most-u-small-130000505.html;_ylt=A2KJ3CbCNRZQgB0AaYHQtdMD

Why Aren't Americans Listening to Disaster Preparedness Messages?
http://www.rand.org/about/people/u/uscher-pines_lori.html

10 Ways for Businesses to Be Hurricane Ready
<http://bclc.uschamber.com/blog/2012-06-07/10-ways-businesses-be-hurricane-ready>

The Role of Business in Disaster Response Report
<http://bclc.uschamber.com/document/role-business-disaster-response-report>

Small Businesses Fall Short on Disaster Preparedness
<http://www.businessnewsdaily.com/2621-small-businesses-natural-disasters.html>