



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA

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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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Escambia County School District is now seeking qualified applicants to fill **multiple** vacancies for Special Needs Teacher Assistants. Attached is a flyer with position details and qualifications. We would appreciate your help spreading the word throughout our community.

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Teacher Assistants
(Special Needs).pdf

TOILETRY KITS

Santa Rosa County School District's Communities of Learning Program is in need of items to make toiletry kits for our homeless families and unaccompanied youth. Full size products preferably. Items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, female hygiene products, etc. I have attached a picture as an example. For more information please contact Dawn Stone at 983-5237. Thank you!

They can also send through the district courier or mail to:
Communities of Learning Homeless Education Program, Berry Hill Administrative Complex,
6751 Berryhill Street Milton, FL 32570

Additionally if you would prefer to make a donation of money you can do so through the SAFER paypal account on the webpage at www.safersantarosa.org and the money will be used to purchase needed items.

VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

Our new online volunteer management system is up and running! Many of you have not responded to the email about your new account.

Remember, to remain an active volunteer, you **must** log into the system to verify your information.

For additional information, view a short [video](#) or read an [overview](#). We will conduct in-person trainings as needed. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact LaDonna Spivey at ladonna.spivey@redcross.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

The SAFER Santa Rosa Annual meeting sponsored by Interfaith Ministries is on the 25th of April from 11am-1pm. Lunch will be served. The location is:
4115 Soundside Drive (off of 98) (map to location) <http://mapq.st/12a6ChK>

Please RSVP to me at safer@santarosa.fl.gov

SAFER SANTA ROSA 2013 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE DATE FOR THE **HOME TOWN CONTRACTORS/SAFER SANTA ROSA 2013 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO** HAS BEEN SET FOR **SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013** AT THE **GULF BREEZE RECREATION CENTER** ON SHORELINE DRIVE IN GULF BREEZE.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE GOING OUT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BUT I WANTED TO BE SURE YOU SAVED THE DATE. **YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT IS VALUED AND APPRECIATED.**



ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Brenda Roland brsvpsantarosa@mchsi.com (850) 983-5220

TABLE TOP EXERCISE

This is part of the Business Continuity Initiative (BCI) please consider participating with your business. BRACE has set up a table top exercise, that local businesses are encouraged to participate in right from their office, that test their disaster preparedness. It will provide questions and scenarios that each business should try to answer and hopefully will stimulate thought on what other items businesses need to prepare in the event of disaster. Every business should understand the statistics:

- Of all businesses that close in the aftermath of a disaster, approximately 43% never re-open. Of those that do re-open, approximately another 29% will close for good within two years.
- Statistics show that 60% of businesses that lose their business data will fail.

BRACE is passing along the invitation to anyone that is willing and interested in participating. Please pass it along to any of the ESF 18 partners or businesses that you feel would gain a benefit. BRACE is paying for this out of the CERT and Citizen Grants that they secure each year and are offering this at no charge to the business community. People can read about the exercise at the link below and it will provide instructions on registering.

<http://www.drc-group.com/project/biz-escambia.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Strader Executive Director (850) 444 – 7136 GStrader@BeReadyAlliance.org

This is on the **14th of March**, if any business, non profit or church would like to participate in this exercise at the EOC on our big screens, let me know. Although registration says 9am-4pm my experience says this is a 3 hour exercise (or less) so please consider participating with key staff at your own place of business or here with us in emergency management.

INFORMATION

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

SRYP REMINDERS - FEBRUARY CIVIC PROJECT

SUPER CIVIC SATURDAY

When: Saturday, Feb 23, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Ronald McDonald House
5200 Bayou Boulevard, Pensacola

We could be cleaning, painting, or other maintenance that is needed around the house. We will eat lunch at the Mellow Mushroom following our volunteer work. **Space is limited so please email Leigh Ann Weekley or click attending on the Facebook Invite.**

February Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, Feb 28, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Santa Rosa Kids' House
5643 Stewart Street, Milton

Who: Membership Meetings are open to all current members and guests who are interested in joining or learning more about the organization!

Representatives from the Kids' House will be on hand to provide information regarding the Kids' House and how you can get involved. A light dinner will be provided. As a "thank you" to the Kids' House for hosting our meeting, please bring one (or more!) of the following items: Cookie dough, individually wrapped granola bars, fruit snacks, string cheese, snack-size bags of chips or crackers, etc. **Please RSVP to Ashley Lay or on the Facebook event by Friday, Feb. 22nd.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST GETTIN' BY WORLD

What: Train the Trainer

A three day training for those who wish to become a Certified Bridges Trainer. This allows you to take the information back to your organization. Cost is \$795 for a two-year certification and \$1,299 for a lifetime certification.

Getting Ahead

A one day training for those who wish to become facilitators for the Getting Ahead in Just-Gettin'-By World workshops. Cost is \$239.

When: Train the Trainer -- April 1, 2, & 3
Getting Ahead – April 4th

Location: Berryhill Administrative Complex, Conference Room A
6751 Berryhill Street Milton, FL 32570

For more information contact:

Dr. Karen Barber barberk@mail.santarosa.k12.fl.us 850-983-5001

CAREGIVER & GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN (and other non-parents raising children) SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION

Flyer attached ~ Regarding RECENT CHANGE ~ effective with the February 21, 2013 meeting for GULF BREEZE / SANTA ROSA SUPPORT GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN & OTHER RELATIVES RAISING RELATED CHILDREN:

Third Thursdays ~ Monthly

6:00 p.m. Free light meal/refreshments beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Reservation Requested ~ 850-432-1475.

LOCATION: Oriole Beach Elementary School, 1260 Oriole Beach Road, Gulf Breeze, FL

Free Child Care on-site provided as part of the meeting!



GB Grandparent
Support Group Flyer.1

CAREGIVER PROGRAMS

County of Residence is not a requirement to attend any or all meetings. Support Group Facilitation provided through Caregiver Programs of Council on Aging of West Florida in partnership with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Northwest Florida Area Agency

on Aging/Aging Resource Center. Other Caregiver & Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups are available ~

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.

See the COAWFLA web site at www.coawfla.org for more information or contact: kholt@coawfla.org

Support Groups “designed” for Elderly caring for a disabled adult and/or an elderly person or for Caregivers caring for an elderly person:

CENTURY ~ 6:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each Month. Meetings held at Century Care Center, 6020 Industrial Blvd. Refreshments and Door Prizes provided by Various community organizations.

PENSACOLA ~ 6:00 p.m. the last Thursday of each Month. Meetings held at COAWFLA Adult Daycare Parlor, 875 Royce Street. Refreshments and Door Prizes provided by Various Community Organizations.

MILTON ~ 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each Month. Meetings held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 6451 Park Avenue. Refreshments and Door Prizes provided by Various community organizations.

COST OF POVERTY EXPERIENCE

February 23, 2013

POVERTY SIMULATION

9:00 AM

Participant Check-In

9:30-11:00 am

Poverty Simulation with Debriefing

LOCATION:

Hilton Pensacola Beach

12 Via De Luna Dr

During a poverty simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self-sufficiency on Social Security. The task of each family is to provide food, shelter and other basic necessities during the simulation while interacting with various community resources staffed by volunteers.

According to the U.S. Census, over 15 percent of the American population lives below the poverty line. However, this statistic does not capture the true costs of poverty. It does not portray the individual stories that are so common among low-income neighborhoods, nor does it convey poverty's impact on families, businesses or communities.

The *Cost of Poverty Experience* (poverty simulation) is an event that offers participants a

glimpse into the lives of low-income individuals and families living in our community. It is a glimpse into the obstacles that are faced, the decisions that are made, and the consequences that impact these families everyday.

For More Information Contact:

Haley Richards

Bridges to Circles community organizer

(850) 429-7296, ext. 17 richardsh@cc.ptdiocese.org

SMART PHONE EMERGENCY AND DISASTER APPLICATIONS

If you own a smart phone, these links feature applications for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery:

- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps>
- <http://www.fema.gov/smartphone-app>
- <http://www.vaemergency.gov/News/readyvirginia/mobileapp>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-iphone-and-ipad.html>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-android.html>
- <http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/mobile-app-for-emergency-preparedness-220792>
- [http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Smartphone Apps](http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Smartphone_Apps)
- <http://www.google.org/crisisresponse/>

CEO ROUND TABLE

SANTA ROSA CEO ROUNDTABLE TO MEET *Tuesday, February 19, 2013*

Santa Rosa County leaders representing over 35 agencies have been meeting since 1998 in a public, problem-solving forum entitled the Santa Rosa Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Roundtable. On February 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Roundtable will meet in the Berryhill Administrative Complex, Conference Room A, 6751 Berryhill Street, in Milton.

Superintendent Tim Wyrosdick and Sheriff Wendell Hall, co-chairs for the committee, will facilitate reports on a wide variety of topics impacting the safety of children in Santa Rosa County. Some of the topics include community-based initiatives such as the SAFE Communities Program and Bridges Out of Poverty and reports from the Community Drug and Alcohol Council and the Domestic Security Joint Taskforce .

The meeting is open to the public. All School Board members have been invited and may be present.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE COALITION HOLDS MEETING

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 21st, at 4 p.m. at the Santa Rosa County Health Department, 5527 Stewart Street in Milton. Topics to be considered will include a report on the strategic plan, policy work for the upcoming year, and subcommittee assignments.

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition began in September 2008 as a partnership of community members and agencies working together with a mission to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use and provide education on the dangers of tobacco abuse among children and adults in the county. Members include: Santa Rosa County Health Department; Healthy Start of Santa Rosa County; Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC); Center for Total Women's Health; Community Drug and Alcohol Council; West Florida Area Health Education Center; Covenant Hospice; Safe Haven; Santa Rosa County School District; Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office; Santa Rosa County School Health Program; Santa Rosa Pediatrics; University of West Florida; Students Working against Tobacco (SWAT) and AIDS Healthcare Foundation. Any interested citizens or community groups are encouraged to attend the meeting and join the coalition.

Cigarette waste has many detrimental effects on our environment. Check out these facts from [Tobacco Free Florida](#):

- Cigarette filters are made from cellulose acetate, a plastic which is technically biodegradable. However, cigarette butts only biodegrade under conditions described by researchers as “severe biological circumstances,” such as when filters end up in sewage. Even in these conditions, cellulose acetate filters are slow to disappear with the most optimistic estimate at nine months.
- In a recent laboratory study, one cigarette butt soaked in a liter of water killed half of the fish exposed.
- An economic study based on a litter audit in San Francisco, found that the annual tobacco litter cleanup cost to be more than \$5.6 million.
- Cigarette butts discarded in parks, along sidewalks, and in street gutters miles from the coast, inevitably make their way through storm drains, creeks and rivers to the beach and ocean leaking dangerous chemicals into our watershed.

For more information on the Santa Rosa County Tobacco Free Coalition, please contact Dennis Bratten at (850) 983-5200 ext. 142.

SCRATCH ANKLE TIME

Get your applications in now!



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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.

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-)
We are up to 502 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.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Certification class that we are holding at the Midway Fire Department from March 21-23

Registration for the class is at <http://cert.safekids.org>. The class cost is \$75 for a two-year, professional, national certification. I would suggest that anyone who is interested go first to <http://floridaoprc.ce.ufl.edu> and apply for a scholarship. The process is pretty simple. Just hover over the first tab at the top (It says something about car seats) and select "CPS Technician Scholarship Form". Fill out the form and wait for an answer, which will come within a week. The email will have information on how to register so that the OPRC is billed for the class.

SKYWARN TRAINING

A Basic Storm Spotter's training session for March 8, 2013, 1800 hours, at the Santa Rosa County EOC. Meteorologist Jeff Garmon from the NWS Mobile office will instructing. Flyer is attached. Please disseminate the information. Even though this is the Basic Spotter's course, it would make a great refresher for those who have had the training before. He should have some interesting data / pictures / stories about the Christmas tornado outbreak in the Mobile area.



skywarn training.pdf

INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Introduction to Emergency Communications course on April 6 & 13 at the EOC. Contact Steve for information/registration steve@w4sjv.com

RED CROSS TRAINING

Shelter Training:

This intro-level training is for anyone interested in assisting displaced families by working at a disaster shelter, or current shelter workers who want to brush up on their training.

When: Saturday, February 23, 2013

Time: 9:00 am

Location: ARC Crestview

To register call John Murray at john.murray@redcross.org.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

Navarre CERT will host a Community Emergency Response Team training March 8-10 & 15-17 at Holley-Navarre Fire District's Station #1 located at 8618 Esplanade Street in Navarre. Topics will include first aid, disaster psychology, fire prevention and basic firefighting techniques, disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue and terrorism. Adults, and teens 14-17 years old, are encouraged to take advantage of this free training that will certify participants as CERT members and allow them to join current teams or form new teams in their own community. All who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and a backpack containing a CERT vest and other safety equipment. CERT is an official emergency preparedness program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Participants are required to attend all six classes to successfully complete the course:

- Friday, March 8 from 6-9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10 from 1-5 p.m.
- Friday, March 15 from 6-9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17 from 1-4 p.m.

Attendance at all six sessions is required to become certified and pre-registration is required. Prior to the start of training, participants must take the free online FEMA Independent Study course IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams at www.citizencorps.gov/cert/training. For more information about CERT or to register for the

course go to www.navarrecert.org/training/form, send e-mail to training@navarrecert.org, or contact Mike Sandler at (850) 939-6973.

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

Public Safety and the EMP Threat

<http://www.9-1-1magazine.com/Coleman-EMP-Threat>

Resilience Meets Disaster Economics

http://www.ssireview.org/blog/entry/resilience_meets_disaster_economics

COOP Corner – Think of Continuity of Operations as your insurance

<https://www.fema.gov/employee-news-and-announcements/coop-corner-think-continuity-operations-your-insurance>

Episode 1 - Meet Disaster and Preparedness: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWVevsBhLBo>

Episode 2 - Keep Mayhem to a Minimum: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkr93WBEiaM>

Episode 3 - It's Not Rocket Science: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMrPXBIZhIA>

Episode 4 - Should I Stay or Should I Go?: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD_FSV7i3Bs

Episode 5 - Don't Let Disaster Have the Last Word":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZXYILelq1M>

Episode 6 - What's Your Next Move?: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ0KmkquD4U>

Episode 7 - Put Disaster Down for the Count: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhLM-oQYQUo>

Natural disasters have unexpected impacts on mental health

<http://theconversation.edu.au/natural-disasters-have-unexpected-impacts-on-mental-health-11573>

6 rules for surviving any disaster

<http://healthyliving.msn.com/health-wellness/6-rules-for-surviving-any-disaster#scptmfs>

Disaster Behavioral Health: Current Assets and Capabilities

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/dbh-capabilities.aspx>

Free Basic Sign Language Training for Emergency Personnel

<http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/hsmi/signsof.htm>

Mass Shooting Analysis- Commonalities and Trends

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/NJROIC-MassShootings.pdf>

U.S. EPA, Climate Ready Water Utilities

http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/climate/index.cfm?goback=%2Egde_1988319_member_210884791

Perceived Neighborhood Safety and Incident Mobility Disability among Elders: The Hazards of Poverty

<http://dash.harvard.edu/handle/1/8088460>

Evacuation and Sheltering of People with Medical Dependencies – Knowledge Gaps and Barriers to National Preparedness

<http://www.hsaj.org/?article=9.1.2>

Operational Epidemiological Modeling: A Proposed National Process

<http://www.hsaj.org/?article=9.1.1>

Integration of Social Determinants of Community Preparedness and Resiliency in 21st Century
Emergency Management Planning
<http://www.hsaj.org/?article=8.1.14>

How to Counsel Kids after a Disaster
<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4085/updates/how-counsel-kids-after-disaster>

Hey, Kid, You Could Be a 'Disaster Hero'
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/01/29/170575657/hey-kid-you-could-be-a-disaster-hero>

Disaster Dozen: 12 Myths of Disaster Preparedness
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/12-Myths-Disaster-Preparedness.html>

Episode 4, Disaster and Preparedness: Should I Stay or Should I Go?- Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD_FSV7i3Bs&feature=youtu.be

Emergency 2.0 Wiki
http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

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

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

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