



NEWSLETTER

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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 STILL NEEDED

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
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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.

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INFORMATION

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

MAKING ROOM AT THE INN – SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE

"Making Room in the Inn," a benefit dinner presented by Family Promise of Santa Rosa, Inc., will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Milton on Caroline Street. The reception time is 5:30pm-6:00pm, and dinner and the program will be from 6:00pm-8:00pm. There will be a wonderful sit-down dinner followed by Christian gospel musical entertainment by Kyle Fowler, silent and live auctions, a 50/50 drawing and tablescape designs. Also at the event this year, Family Promise will be celebrating its Five Year Anniversary! Tickets are \$50 each and table sponsorships are \$400. For tickets or more information, call Family Promise of Santa Rosa at 850-623-5300.

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DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #37: COMMUNITY PREPARATION = COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

A Part of the Team

During a disaster, you, your family, your employees and your neighbors will rely on each other for help. There is a shared responsibility when it comes to our nation's level of preparedness; and to be truly prepared, we must work together as a team.

As a proud supporter of **National Preparedness Month**, and in an effort to promote personal and community preparedness, Agility is hosting a **free disaster recovery webinar** next Wednesday. Join us in welcoming guest speaker, Tom Heneghan from the Red Cross, as he discusses simple steps individuals can take to become more engaged in community preparedness and emergency response efforts. The worst time to scramble for solutions is during an emergency. Start making personal, family and community preparations now.

FREE Webinar: Resilient America - Personal & Community Preparedness

Guest Speaker: Tom Heneghan, American Red Cross

September 21st – 2:00 p.m. EDT **[Click here to Register](#)**

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>

LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS AFTER A DISASTER



Leveraging Partnerships After A Disaster

When disaster strikes, partnerships between government agencies and voluntary organizations, like the American Red Cross and the Vermont National Guard, can play a vital role in providing survivors with much needed assistance and life saving supplies.

Time: **01:15**

DISASTER HAPPENS IN THE SOUTHEAST. ARE YOU PREPARED?



Disaster Happens in the Southeast. Are You Prepared?

The video shows how a person can pack an emergency supply kit so they will be ready next time a disaster strikes their area.

Time: **02:34**

SBA & AGILITY RECOVERY SOLUTIONS HOST FREE WEBINAR ON THE “10 BASIC STEPS TOWARD BUSINESS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS”

Businesses nationwide are currently in the process of recovering from a year of costly natural disasters. Insurance industry experts say insured catastrophic losses have exceeded \$17 billion during the first half of 2011, more than the \$13 billion total for all of 2010.

Recent hurricanes, floods and wildfires are reminders that business owners should have a plan to protect their assets, recover quickly and be ready for the next emergency. During National Preparedness Month, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery Solutions are hosting weekly webinars aimed at helping business owners take responsibility for the economic well-being of their own companies, as well as their communities.

On Wednesday, September 14, James Rivera, SBA's associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Assistance will talk about the essential items business owners should include in their business continuity plans. The presentation will include an overview on preparing a supply chain, developing a communications plan, and assessing risk.

SBA has partnered with Agility to offer business continuity strategies for entrepreneurs via their “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: James Rivera, Associate Administrator, SBA Office of Disaster Assistance

WHAT: “10 Commandments of Disaster Preparedness” will be presented by Rivera. A question and answer session will follow.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. EDT

HOW: Space is limited. Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/767371552>

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SRYP SEPTEMBER REMINDER
MUST RSVP BY WEDNESDAY!

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.

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

October is Membership Month for SRYP!

Over the month of October, we want you to bring friends to all the SRYP events and we're giving out prizes for your efforts! The "Grand Prize" will go to the SRYP Member who signs up the most new members in October. Also, for every non-member you bring to an SRYP event in October, you're name will go in a prize drawing and your guest's name will go in a separate drawing. More details in October's E-News so start thinking about who you can bring out! As long as they are not a current SRYP member, they count.

Covenant Hospice Drawing

Covenant Hospice is holding a drawing for a 2011 John Deere riding lawn tractor during their Blue Jeans & BBQ event October 1. Click this link, **BJ&BBQ Lawn Tractor Drawing**, for more information or email **Angie** . Tickets are one for \$10 or three for \$25.

Riverwalk Run 5k

Strap on your jogging shoes and get to moving! This year's Riverwalk Run 5K is October 1 at 5pm. For more information on this run/walk, visit their website - **Riverwalk Run 5K** or Email **Linsey Williamson**. \$250 cash for setting the course record and an after party that is sure to be a blast

MILTON KIWANIS BOWLING TOURNAMENT TO HELP KIDS

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

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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 CSME Program Director
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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:

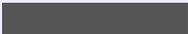
- **Economic Impact** - Employment Incentives & Connecting to Tri-Care
- **Health Care Options** - Persons with Disabilities & Suicide Risks
- **Collaborations** - Who, When & How
- **Understanding the VA**- What is it & How to Connect

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.

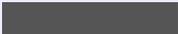
Click below to View the Flyer!



Click below to Sponsor!



Click below to Register!



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

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us and become our friend ;-)
 We are up to 271 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

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/mgtcourses

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

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

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/

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>

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>

