



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

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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

WOMAN IN NEED

It always distresses me to have a NEED in the NEEDS, REQUESTS , DONATIONS section but we have one. A single woman with a dog had her place burned down (trailer) a week or so ago. Her Sunday School Class has been giving her shelter but she lost everything. What she needs is a place to live. A one bedroom apartment or a trailer that is affordable to her on about \$700 a month income. After she gets a home we can worry about furniture, cloths and other household goods. If you can help her, the POC is a friend from church, Sandra, at 449-1795

OTHER

I need your RSVPs for the Annual meeting! The meeting will be held April 24th at 1130am (lunch provided) at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze. Over 20 already signed up! If you have a door prize to offer, let me know!

Could still use a faith based partner to run for the SAFER board of Directors.

See last page of newsletter for an interesting read.

INFORMATION

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

OPRY PROMISE COMING SOON!

A Toe-Tapin', Foot-Stompin' Evenin' Presented by Family Promise of Santa Rosa

APRIL 12, 2012

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

CHUMUCKLA'S FARMERS' OPRY

8897 BYROM CAMPBELL RD

PACE, FL 32571

For Tickets or More Information Call (850) 623-5300



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14TH ANNUAL SENIOR EXPO & HEALTH FAIR CORRECTED DATE

14th Annual Santa Rosa Medical Center and RSVP Senior Expo and Health Fair

Thursday, **March 15th**

8 AM until 1 PM

Milton Community Center

5629 Byrom Street, Milton

Santa Rosa County has vast resources for its seniors. This is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the free health screenings offered by Santa Rosa Medical Center, and visit with participating vendors. More than fifty organizations ranging from fitness to financial institutions will be on hand.

Door prizes will be awarded every 20 minutes, and there will also be a silent auction. The following are some of the health screenings being offered: blood glucose, blood pressure, pulmonary function testing, cholesterol and PSA.

Please join Santa Rosa Medical Center and RSVP for a day of health, learning, food and fun! If you're interested in being a vendor please contact RSVP at 850-983-5220.

KEEP YOUR IDENTITY SAFE DURING TAX SEASON

Tax season has arrived and many consumers are preparing to file their returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In addition to preparing returns carefully, taxpayers should be aware of scams using the IRS name and logo to gain access to personal or financial information that can be used to commit identity theft and/or steal assets. These scams frequently utilize phishing, a tactic where an email or website entices consumers to provide detailed personal or financial information, such as the consumer's name, Social Security number or date of birth. Identity theft occurs when scammers use this information to empty bank accounts, use credit cards or obtain credit in the consumers name.

In the past, scammers have used form numbers that resemble legitimate IRS forms, text from the IRS website, the IRS logo and/or the names of actual IRS employees and organizations. Several scams claimed that the recipient was either eligible for a refund or was under investigation. In one version of the scam, emails contained attachments or links that downloaded a virus onto the recipient's computer. The virus allowed scammers to extract personal or financial information from the computer that allowed scammers to access personal accounts. Taxpayers who receive suspicious emails can forward them to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov. The IRS is able to use the information in the email to trace the company hosting the email account and alert authorities to shut down the scam.

For suspicious letters or notices received in the mail, contact the IRS to determine if the letter is legitimate. If you receive a suspicious phone call, request the caller's phone number and employee badge number. Visit www.irs.gov/contact to locate the phone number of your local IRS office or call 800-829-1040 to find out if the caller is a legitimate IRS employee. If the letter, phone call or email is not legitimate, contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484 or at www.treasury.gov/tigta.

Things to Remember

- The only genuine IRS website is www.irs.gov.
- The IRS does not contact consumers by email to request detailed personal financial information.
- The IRS will never ask for your Personal Identification Number (PIN) or passwords for credit cards or other financial accounts
- A tax refund can only be obtained through filing your tax return.

Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs)

RALs are short-term bank loans (usually one to two weeks) that are secured by a taxpayer's anticipated tax refund from the IRS. While not a scam, RALs are expensive, costing anywhere from 50 percent to over 500 percent APR depending on the amount of the loan. In 2010, about 6.85 million consumers applied for a RAL for their 2009 refund. Currently there are few lenders who still offer RALs, but it appears some non-bank lenders may intend to offer RALs in the future. Fortunately, there are lower cost or free ways for taxpayers to get their refunds quickly.

- A taxpayer who e-files and has a bank account will typically receive their refund in eight to 15 days.

- Taxpayers without a bank account can e-file and have the refund placed on a prepaid card.
- Low to moderate income taxpayers or individuals age 60 or over can visit a VITA/TCE site and receive free tax preparation assistance. Call 800-906-9887 to locate the nearest VITA/TCE site.

For additional information, contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at www.800helpfla.com or by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) within Florida, 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832) en Español or (850) 410-3800 from outside of Florida.

HEALTHY START

A great newsletter and program for moms of young children or those planning to become moms. **Call WIC @ 983-5250 for upcoming breast-feeding classes in Milton & Midway**
Healthy Start offers FREE risk screening and supportive services during high risk pregnancies and for high risk newborns up to age 3.

- ◆Pre-Natal & Newborn Risk Screens ◆Counseling
- ◆Prenatal/Postnatal Services ◆Smoking Cessation
- ◆Childbirth/Parenting Education ◆Nutrition/Breastfeeding



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For more information, call - Milton (850)983-5200 Gulf Breeze/Midway (850)934-4074
Toll-free call 1-800-754-4515

SRYP MEETING SCHEDULE

Santa Rosa Chamber "After Hours"

When: Thursday, March 1 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Bay Area Food Bank
5709 Industrial Blvd, Milton

Bring your business cards and let's join in the 10 year Anniversary Celebration of the Bay Area Food Bank's Panhandle Branch.

SRYP Lunch Bunch

When: Thursday, March 8 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Ruby Tuesday
4917 Highway 90, Pace

*Please be sure to RSVP to **Sheila Harris** by the end of the day March 7 (Wednesday) to reserve your seat. Even if you are a "maybe," please RSVP so we have enough spaces at the table. sheilah@santarosa.fl.gov*

SRYP/PYP Networking/Social Mixer

When: Thursday, March 22 from
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: Hop Jacks Pizza Kitchen
209 E. Nine Mile Rd, Pensacola

FAITH BASED COALITION TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY

Red Beans & Rice Fundraiser

Wednesday, Feb. 29

\$8 per plate - (Red Beans & Rice, Sausage, Cornbread and Homemade Cookie)

Pick up from 11:30 AM – 1 PM, 875 Royce Street

FREE delivery available on orders of 8 or more plates to same location.

Proceeds benefit client activities at the Council on Aging of West Florida Adult Day Health Care Center.

Orders are requested to be placed by Friday, February 24. To place your order, fax the form below to 479-9075 or call Sandie Holtry at 266-2503. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Please make checks payable to Council on Aging of West Florida. Credit card orders must be paid in advance by calling 432-1475 ext. 161.

-----ORDER FORM-----

NAME..... # OF PLATES @ \$8
..... TOTAL

BUSINESS.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE.....

PHONE.....

PICK UP [] DELIVER []

PLEASE ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL DONATION OF

PLEASE CONTACT ME REGARDING ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Thank you for your support.

P.O. Box 17066, Pensacola, FL 32522 | 850-432-1475 | info@coawfla.org | www.coawfla.org
www.facebook.com/coawfla | www.twitter.com/coawfla | www.youtube.com.coawfla

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS ~ Still meeting monthly

FREE to ATTEND - County of Residence is NOT a requirement
Pensacola ~ 6:00 p.m ~ Last Thursday Monthly at COAWFLA , 875 Royce Street ~ Next Meeting is February 23rd. Refreshments and Door Prizes provided each month by various community resources. Sterling House of Pensacola, will be providing the refreshments and door prizes for the February meeting.

Milton ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ First Thursday Monthly at *St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 6451 Park Avenue*. Next Meeting is March 1st. Refreshments and Door Prizes for this group are provided monthly by various community resources ~ for March's meeting: Covenant Hospice will provide the refreshments and door prize.

Century ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ The third Thursday of each month at Century Care Center, 6020 Industrial Blvd. Next Meeting is March 15th. *Refreshments and Door Prizes for this group are again being provided monthly by Covenant Hospice.*

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and other Relatives ~ Second Thursdays Monthly 6:00 P.M. at Homewood Suites by Hilton, 5049 Corporate Woods Dr, Pensacola, FL 32504.

FREE Dinner beginning at 5:30 P.M. Child Care Provided FREE on-site.
Reservations requested by calling 850-432-1475. Next Meeting is March 8th.

As part of the effort to support seniors, the COAWFLA sponsors and conducts Caregiver Support Groups in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The groups are non-disease specific, are led by a facilitator, and county of residence is not a requirement to attend any or all of the meetings. These groups are available to **support all Caregivers** regardless of the

condition or illness of the person being cared for, including Grandparents caring for/raising grandchildren or relatives caring for a disabled adult! No reservation is required (it is requested on the Grandparents Support Group, but please don't let that stop someone from attending if they did not make a reservation).

NEW SUPPORT GROUP !

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Other Relative Children

LOCATION: Oriole Beach Elementary School, 1260 Oriole Beach Road, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 Monthly ~ 4th Tuesday NEXT Meeting: February 28th

Light meal provided FREE beginning at 5:30 p.m. ~ Support Group Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Child Care Provided FREE on-site ~ Reservations requested at 850-432-1475.

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

Council on Aging West Florida, Inc. Or e-mail kholt@coawfla.org
P.O. Box 17066, Pensacola, FL 32522 via Phone (850) 432-1475

DAY ON THE GO PROGRAM ~ COAWFLA Adult Day Health Care Center

The Day on the Go Program is for higher functioning participants who, with supervision, are able and interested in getting out and attending area attractions and events. The schedule is from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to allow for a full day of activity for participants as well as respite for Caregivers.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

Friday, March 2	T.T. Wentworth Museum
Friday, March 16	Eglin Air Force Museum
Friday, March 30	Navarre Butterfly House

Each Day on the Go includes breakfast, exercise and an outing with lunch. Cost is \$65. To learn more or to make reservations, call 850-266-2503.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP) Support Group through Families Count

Meetings are Every Two Weeks Wednesdays 6 to 7

Location: Families Count Building at 5139 Elmira Street, Milton, FL

For More Information call: Beth Maroon 850-529-8536

Non-Relatives raising children are welcome as well!

DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #8: EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

Preparing for the Unknown

There is no hard definition of what constitutes a disaster. Disasters come in all shapes and sizes. Some develop quickly, hitting full-force with little to no warning. While others loom on the horizon for an extended period of time.

And while all disasters pose a serious threat, sometimes it's the ones we least expect that cause the most damage. There is no such thing as a small disaster. At Agility, we have witnessed it all – burst pipes, theft, vandalism, chemical spills, mold, arson, pest infestation – you name it, we've seen it.

One thing they all have in common – they never thought it would happen to them.

Anticipating and planning for a disaster can make all the difference. Download Agility's Preparedness Evaluation Scorecard to gauge your organizations level of preparedness and ensure you are armed and ready to respond to any crisis situation.

Be on the lookout for next week's Disaster Recovery tip from Agility. If you have additional questions or would like to talk with a recovery professional about your business continuity needs visit www.agilityrecovery.com or call 866-364-9696

ELDER JUSTICE WORKSHOP

Please RSVP no later than Friday, March 16, if you plan to attend.
Seating for this FREE Workshop is limited. The public is invited.



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Point of Contact for this event and for the Center on Aging is ~

Rodney Guttman, Ph.D. Director, Center on Aging, School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences, University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514
(850) 474-3298

KING MIDDLE SCHOOL - LET'S MOVE SANTA ROSA - A TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Who: King Middle School students

What: Your current track choices:

- Art Program presented by the Pensacola Museum of Art
- Life Skills Program presented by Families Count
- Sports (begins January 2012)

Where: King Middle School

When: Monday thru Thursday, 2:25 to 5:30 p.m.

Why: Provide your child with peer interaction and creative exploration in a supervised, safe environment.

Cost: FREE

For an application package and more information, contact:

Art Program: Raven McBride, Curator of Education and Outreach
raven@pensacolamuseumofart.org, 850.432.6247

Life Skills Program: NaThasha Mitchell, Families Count n_mitchell@familiescount.net,
850.698.5721

Project Coordinator Phyllis Gonzalez pgonzalez2011@aol.com.

HOLLEY-NAVARRE MIDDLE SCHOOL - LET'S MOVE SANTA ROSA - A TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Who: Holley Navarre Middle School students

What: Your current track choices:

- Art Program presented by the Pensacola Museum of Art
- Life Skills Program presented by Families Count
- Sports (begins January 2012)

Where: Holley Navarre Middle School **When:** Monday thru Thursday, 3:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Why: Provide your child with peer interaction and creative exploration in a supervised, safe environment.

Cost: \$20 per week. Scholarships available based on financial need. Includes snacks, homework session, mentoring and tutoring and your choice of track program.

For an application package and more information, contact:

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NEW FAITHWORKS AUTOWORKS, AFFORDABLE VEHICLE REPAIR SERVICE

After hearing many, many sad stories about people missing work, doctors appointments, agency interviews or losing their jobs due to car trouble, FaithWorks has formed a new, state registered, not for profit, social enterprise--AutoWorks, an affordable vehicle repair service--and has employed 3 experienced auto mechanics supervised by an ASC certified mechanic. We have organized our pool of vehicle mechanics to either go to the customer or for the customer to come to FaithWorks Warehouse AutoWorks at 2370 North Palafox Street (between Yonge Street and Bobe Street).

When your clients have a need for vehicle repairs to get their "wheels" rolling, please refer them to AutoWorks by calling 850-832-3014. They must dial the 850 as this is an out of town cell number. We will respond immediately by dispatching a mechanic or set up a future appointment and "get ur done" and them on their way.

The attached flyer gives you more information and can be posted in your client lobby or emailed out to your client's email addresses. We offer even lower rates for vehicle repairs for EscaRosa Homeless Coalition organization members and their staff/staff family members. Just tell us when you call so we can quote you the correct discounted price.

Remember, we are one level above "shade tree" mechanics, just trying to help working people who have little disposal income for emergency expenses like expensive vehicle repairs. Our on-call mechanics are trained, experienced, and very knowledgeable mechanics but with our little overhead expenses, we are able to pass on the saving to you and your struggling clients.

For this community service to be successful, we will need your help in getting the word out and making referrals to us so that we can keep these guys busy and fairly compensated. What we don't charge per repair, we hope to make up in volume. So, let the vehicle repair referrals begin

If you have any questions or better ideas as to how we can help meet the need, please let me know. Your continued support of our various not for profit, social enterprises that hire the local, unemployed and who serve the poor and those who serve the poor is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for supporting these social enterprises: ReWrks!-Willing Workers-FurnitureWorks-Homeless Handyman Repair Workshop-Homeless Veterans' Furniture Exchange-ThriftWorks-FoodWorks-SoupWorks and now, AutoWorks, affordable vehicle repair service.

Rick Dye, Chief Volunteer. FaithWorks InterFaith Ministries Network, Inc.

HOLD THE DATE

FavorHouse will honor survivors of domestic violence at our annual White Rose Luncheon
@ **Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones Community Center**

May 17, 2012 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Guest Speaker Leslie Morgan Steiner lesliemorgansteiner.com

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH!

Here are a few highlights!

Blue Angel Music Group Grand Opening

Sat. March 3rd, 10am-6pm

Instrument Charity Raffle to benefit American Red Cross of NWFL

The Cutting Board

4474 Woodbine Rd, Pace

Heroes campaign during the month of March. \$2 will be donated to the Red Cross every time you enjoy a Cutting Board Signature menu item.

www.TheCuttingBoardPace.com

CPR Saturday - Details coming soon!

If you would like to get involved during Red Cross month email ladonna.spivey@redcross.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BASS TOURNAMENT, \$3,000 TO WINNER

When: Saturday, April 14th

Where: Carpenter's Park - Milton,FL

Prizes: Grand prize \$3,000, payout to the top 10 places

Cost: Event is Free & Open to Public

Registration: \$110, per boat (one or 2 person teams)

Timeline: 3am - Boat Check-in 6am - Tournament Begins 3pm - Weigh in Begins 4:30pm - Awards

Additional Info: This tournament benefits United Way of Santa Rosa County and is hosted by United Way and the 3 Rivers Bass Club. Fishermen and women will fish the Blackwater River and adjoining waters for bass to win the grand prize of \$3,000. The event will feature delicious food, music, door prizes for tournament participants and a 50/50 cash drawing.

Register at United Way Santa Rosa (6479-A Caroline St. Milton, FL 32570)

[Click here for rules & registration.](#)

LOCAL PHYSICIAN WILL SEE PATIENTS AT SRCHD MIDWAY CLINIC

Community partnership will bring additional services to the Midway area

The Santa Rosa County Health Department is pleased to welcome community partner, Dr. John W. Ervin, to its satellite clinic at 5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway in Midway. In addition to services such as pregnancy testing, Healthy Start case management, and Medicaid eligibility, currently offered by the health department, Dr. Ervin, a specialist in OB/GYN, will offer pre-natal care for pregnant women on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, beginning February 24. Appointments will be required, and Medicaid and private insurance will be accepted.

"We are so pleased to have the opportunity to partner with Dr. Ervin to bring pre-natal services to our Midway Clinic," said Sandra L. Park-O'Hara, A.R.N.P., administrator of the Santa Rosa County Health Department. "This will provide patients in the Gulf Breeze and Navarre areas with additional resources for pre-natal care."

For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Dr. Ervin's private practice, The Center for Total Women's Health, in Milton at 850-983-9600. For information about other services available at The Center for Total Women's Health, visit their website, www.cftwh.com. For information on pregnancy testing and Healthy Start services, contact the Santa Rosa County Health Department at 850-983-5200, ext. 107, or visit our website at healthysantarosa.com.

FREE PROGRAM FOR DISCOUNTED DRUGS

Free FamilyWise Prescription Discount Cards available at the United Way office (6479-A Caroline St. in Milton).

FamilyWise cards can reduce prescription drug costs by an average of 35%. There is no income criteria for this program and it is open to anyone.

Cards are available to:

- Anyone who does not currently have health insurance
- Anyone who does not have prescription coverage

Anyone who is purchasing a medication not covered by their insurance

NEW NATIONAL HEPATITIS C HELPLINE PROMISES "ONE CALL – LOTS OF HELP"

A new national helpline, 877-HELP-4-HEP, run by and for people affected by hepatitis C will formally launch February 1, 2012. This new consumer resource is the result of a year-long collaboration among five national nonprofits with a combined 90 years' experience in phone-based peer counseling.

Being diagnosed with hepatitis C creates many emotional and social challenges. It is especially complicated by the lack of comprehensive medical, mental health, and community support services. People with hepatitis C report spending countless hours trying to find a reliable support and information. Resources are few and often transient based on available funding.

Judi, one of the 877-HELP-4-HEP counselors states, "People with hepatitis C just can't seem to get the help they need. Sometimes, I'm the fourth or fifth person they have spoken to. As a peer counselor, I can share common experiences and talk about different coping strategies and resources. When I was diagnosed I had many of the concerns and questions that they are having and since then have spoken to people with similar experiences. I can really set their minds at ease with answers to their questions that contribute to a sense of well-being and hope."

Unique to 877-HELP-4-HEP (877-435-7443) are specially trained peer counselors using a structured approach to help callers navigate through screening, diagnosis, medical evaluation, and treatment. Follow-up contact by the counselors keep callers engaged at each step of their journey and help them make and follow through with their hepatitis C related decisions.

Additional HELP-4-HEP assets include an up-to-date national database of 25,000 referral resources and a secure shared caller database for counseling continuity. Andi Thomas, the helpline's managing partner, stated, "What sets us apart is our standardized health messaging and the follow-up call feature. HELP-4-HEP is designed to maintain contact with callers to improve health outcomes as well as document and measure the impact of our services."

HELP-4-HEP is administered by The Support Partnership whose mission is to improve the well-being of people affected by viral hepatitis through collaborations that increase service quality, access, and impact. Founding partners are HealthPro (formerly Hep-C ALERT), FL; Hepatitis C Association, NJ; Hepatitis Education Project, WA; Hep C Connection, CO; and Project Inform, CA. 877-HELP-4-HEP (877-435-7443) operates Monday through Friday 9:00am to 7pm EST. To learn more, visit www.help4hep.org or email info@help4hep.org.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-)
We are up to 326 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 in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) that are free and open to the public, with the understanding that the user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$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

LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp>

WEBEX TRAINING SERIES "EH PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY TRAINING - A SERIES HIGHLIGHTING THE KEY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE"

Module 3 is coming up on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Challenge your EH and Epi senses with “*Shock in Springfield: The Public Health Investigation of Intentionally Caused Foodborne Illness*”!

What: *EH Preparedness and Recovery Training - A Series Highlighting the Key Environmental Health Issues and Challenges for Emergency Response*

Module 3: “Shock in Springfield: The Public Health Investigation of Intentionally Caused Foodborne Illness”

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 0930 - 1100 ET

Where: WebEx Web Conference* (WebEx information attached)
CCOC Employees: Building 4042 room 301

Registration: DOH employees please register in Trak-It: <http://learning.flphn.com/>
Course Title:
EH Preparedness & Recovery Webinar- Module 3

Partner agencies register here:
<http://survey.doh.state.fl.us/survey/entry.jsp?id=1194462350532>

CEUs: 1.5 credit hours available for EH and lab professionals
***We are limited to 200 WebEx connections. Participation is first come, first served. Registrants are encouraged to utilize one connection if practical (if attendees are from the same physical office area).**

Upcoming Modules:

Part 4 –Children’s Preparedness and Community Resilience Systems

April 10, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

Part 5 – CBRNE Epidemiology and Surveillance

May 16, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

Part 6 – Environmental and Hazmat Response in a Chemical Incident

June 13, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

Part 7 – Arbovirus Surveillance and Summer Hazards

July 18, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

L-428 CERT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER ANNOUNCEMENT

This Workshop will deliver the CERT L-428 Train-the-Trainer Course in Orlando, Florida. Hotel accommodations are included and there is no registration fee associated with this workshop.

Date: March 26-30, 2012

Time: Registration begins at 3:30 PM on March 26, 2012

Training will commence at 8:30 AM - 4:30PM on March 27-29, 2012

Citizen Corps Instructor Standards begins at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on March 30, 2012,

Location: International Palms Resort 6515 International Drive. Orlando, FL 32819

Register: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/trainingcalendar/moreinfo.asp?id=2681>

If you plan to attend, please register online **NO LATER THAN** Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO BOMBING INCIDENTS

As promised, here is the MGT 348 Flyer. The dates are not posted on this flyer but here are the details.

Location: Santa Rosa EOC
Dates: November 28th and 29th
Time: tentative 8:00-5:00
Total time: 18 hours
CEU for Nurses and Physicians: 1.6
Register online at: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp>

SKYWARN TRAINING

The Navarre CERT Amateur Radio Club will be hosting an “Advanced Skywarn” training class on March 2, 2012, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Jeff Garmon, NOAA Meteorologist from the National Weather Service office in Mobile will be providing the training. This class is for those who have previously had the basic course within the past year.

We will be meeting in the training room at the Holley-Navarre's Fire Station #45, 8618 Esplanade St. (Turn North from US 98 at the flashing yellow emergency lights by the McDonald's East of the Navarre Beach Bridge.) Plenty of parking is available in the parking lot across the street.

For further information, contact me via either email (preferable) at commo@navarre-cert.org, or on my cell at 850-637-2496. You can also check out <http://navarre-cert.org> and click on the “Communications” link at the top of the page.

ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY IN PREVENTING TERRORISM

Webinar Date Changed to TUESDAY, MARCH 6th at 2 pm ET/1 pm CT/Noon MT/11 am PT

Due to technical issues beyond Citizen Corps' control, we have rescheduled the webinar for Tuesday, March 6th. We apologize for the inconvenience, and appreciate your patience. The webinar information can be found here: <http://citizencorps.gov/news/webcasts/terrorism.shtm>.

In the meantime, you may find these new resources useful:

- [*A Resource Guide to Improve Your Community's Awareness and Reporting of Suspicious Activity: For Law Enforcement and Community Partners*](#)
- [*Improving the Public's Awareness and Reporting of Suspicious Activity: Key Research Findings from Literature Review, Household Survey, Focus Groups and Interviews*](#)

IS-909 - COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS: IMPLEMENTING SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is909.asp>

Course Description

Community members are the key to our Nation's preparedness and resilience. As such, we need to:

- Support the development of prepared, vigilant, and engaged communities.
- Foster strategic partnerships among:
 - The private sector.
 - Nongovernmental organizations.
 - Foundations.
 - Community-based organizations.

The purpose of this course is to present a model program for community preparedness. In addition, resources materials are available to help organizations conduct simple preparedness activities for everyone.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the definition of preparedness.
- Describe the role of individuals and households in preparedness.
- Identify community preparedness principles.

- Describe the purpose of community-based preparedness activities.
- Identify the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program.
- Identify resources for supporting community-based preparedness programs.

Primary Audience

Whole community including emergency management personnel and representatives of faith-based and nonprofit organizations.

IS-660 - INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is660.asp>

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

Technical Communities Redefine Disaster Volunteerism

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Technical-Communities-Redefine-Volunteerism.html>

Anthrax Toxicity Depends on Human Genetics

<http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2012/02/06/anthrax-toxicity-depends-on-human-genetics/>

When Flu Pandemics Hit, Closing Schools Can Slow Spread

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/02/07/146513894/when-flu-pandemics-hit-closing-schools-can-slow-spread>

Even a Less-Deadly H5N1 Bird Flu Could Be Extremely Dangerous

http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2012/02/23/h5n1-bird-flu-still-dangerous/?WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

2012 State of FEMA Report

http://www.fema.gov/about/state_of_fema/index.shtm

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate Shares 3 Lessons from 2011

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/FEMA-Craig-Fugate-3-Lessons-2011.html>

How climate change, urbanisation are changing disaster

<http://news.yahoo.com/climate-change-urbanisation-changing-disaster-110233362.html>

Floods, heat, migration: How extreme weather will transform cities

http://edition.cnn.com/2011/12/23/world/asia/climate-change-impact-cities/index.html?hpt=hp_bn7

Work with Private Sector, Plan for the Worst, Says FEMA Administrator

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Work-With-Private-Sector-Plan-for-the-Worst-Says-FEMA-Administrator.html>

Why You Should Practice Emergency Preparedness with Your Kids

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-g/why-you-should-practice-e_b_1197614.html

A Culture of Planning: How to Know if the Shoe Fits

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Culture-of-Planning-10-Characteristics.html>

WHO, Psychological First Aid: Guide for Field Workers

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548205_eng.pdf

Social Media for Emergency Managers Can't Start When the Emergency Does
http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20111110_4195.php

Social Media 4 Emergency Management, the Brick Walls
<http://www.sm4em.org/2011/11/the-brick-walls/>

<http://blog.resilientus.mediapulse.com/author/wedwards/>

This gentleman describes the circumstances we find ourselves in very succinctly. Please take a moment to read this.

WHENCE THE RESOURCES

February 9th, 2012 - Warren Edwards

In a recent blog, I described the FEMA Whole Community Approach as the ideal federal program because it encouraged community action and provided a suitable roadmap without creating another federally funded program. A reasonable question might follow –“If community resilience programs are encouraged and facilitated but not paid for by the federal government, where will the resources come from?”

There is considerable anecdotal evidence that people don't really value or take ownership in things that come too cheaply. If you tell me how to solve my problems and pay me to do it, it's not really my problem. Communities are not significantly different. Communities that want to improve their resilience to disasters of all kinds must be committed and mobilized for a long term journey. The pay off will be great but the task is not likely to be accomplished quickly, easily or by outside experts. In short, the community must discover the challenges themselves and take ownership of the solutions.

Despite tough economic times, communities have a lot of resources. What they often lack is a coherent plan to mobilize them. Here are a few ideas:

Start small and celebrate every success. Many things that create resilience don't cost money. Organizing to build close knit neighborhoods with internal networks that share information and resources in times of crisis is practically free. CERT training is readily available. Creating ways to facilitate discourse among the public, private, faith based and non-governmental communities before crises can be incorporated into the everyday life of the community at little or no costs. Publicize and build on every organization and neighborhood that adopts and creates activity around resilience. Get conversations going within the community, cultivate them and let them grow.

Use volunteers and make every participant feel important. The graying of America should produce legions of volunteers with substantial skills and loads of time. Mobilize them and make them feel critical to the community's success. Some pretty influential campaigns have begun with soccer moms. People want to be a part of something. Give them a chance.

Enlist the private business community and don't forget the small businesses. No one has a greater stake in the community's success than the private business community. No matter how

big they are, if they don't have workers, they don't have a business. No matter how small they are, if they don't have customers, they don't have a business. No matter how big or small they are, they have resources – people, time and money. It's in their self-interest to apply some of those resources to the community.

If you have one, get the local community foundation involved. They exist to do good. No matter their focus, something in the community's resilience action plan will interest them. Get them involved from the start and let them own a part of the solution.

Finally and maybe most importantly, demonstrate commitment to building a resilient community and show that you have a coherent plan to get it done. Everyone wants to work on a well-planned, flawlessly executed, winning project.