



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

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

TABLE TOP EXERCISE

DATE CHANGED TO ALLOW FOR MORE REGISTRATION!

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.

Greg Strader from 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.

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.

FREE AARP TAX PREPARATION @ YOUR LIBRARY

For many Americans, there are few things more taxing than preparing to file their annual income tax returns. Fortunately, three locations in the Santa Rosa County Library System are once again AARP Tax-Aide Sites. The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, providing service to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older.

The AARP Tax-Aide program offers free one-on-one counseling to help individuals prepare and file basic tax forms, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and other standard schedules. No

appointment is necessary; however, service is on a first come, first serve basis. Library locations are equipped to file your return electronically, allowing you to receive your return much faster.

Free AARP Tax-Aide Preparation begins in February and is available at three locations:

- **Gulf Breeze Library** – Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Feb. 4 until April 15.
- **Milton Library** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 pm. And Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 4 until April 11. No service on March 26 due to another meeting previously scheduled.
- **Navarre Library** – **Thursday** and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Feb. 1 until April 13. There will also be an extra day of service on April 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be no service on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30 due to library closing in observance of Good Friday. For a complete list of service dates and locations, visit the library calendar at

<http://catalog.santarosa.fl.gov/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=ALL>.

Visit the Santa Rosa County Library System home page at <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries> to link to 2012 tax year information, including commonly used tax forms and the AARP Tax Preparation Web Site. Visit the library for a limited selection of tax forms. Once supplies have run out, you can print forms at the library for a charge of \$.15 per page – or you can visit IRS.gov to download or print forms; links are available to forms at the library website.

The Santa Rosa County Library System is a department of the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners. Libraries are located in Gulf Breeze, Jay, Milton, Navarre, and Pace. Find additional information at www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries or call (850) 981-7323 (READ).

POWER UP 2013 - CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Gulf Coast Energy Network and National Energy invite you to join us at the largest energy and sustainability event along the Gulf Coast - **Power Up Energy Expo 2013, March 18 - 20, 2013** at the Emerald Coast Convention Center along the Gulf Coast in beautiful Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

Who Should Participate?

Attendees include, but should not be limited to: Energy managers, Environmental consultants, Engineers, Construction managers, Architects, Builders, Economic development professionals, Green Building Advocates, Researchers, Scientists, Facility auditors, HERS raters, Policy-makers, Elected officials, Home/business owners, Finance providers, Venture capitalists and investors, and the general public and students in related disciplines.

Register to Attend before February 15 and Save!

Power Up Energy Expo offers 10 educational training tracks including Energy Security, Economic Development, High Performance Green Building, Financing Energy Projects, and Energy Policy. For more information, and to see the complete agenda for Power Up Energy Expo 2013, visit <http://www.powerupenergyexpo.com/register>.

Become an Exhibitor or Sponsor (space is very limited)

Power Up Energy Expo 2013 is an admirable way to represent your organization and establish connections with industry peers. The agenda is designed with ample time between sessions to offer plenty of interaction with attendees. Sponsorship and Exhibiting opportunities are offered while supplies last. For details on becoming an Exhibitor and or a Sponsor at Power Up Energy Expo 2013, please contact Anna Covington AnnaC@GulfCoastEnergyNetwork.org or visit <http://www.powerupenergyexpo.com/exhibitor-info>.

INFORMATION

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

NEW NOROVIRUS IN FLORIDA

The Florida Department of Health has detected a new type of norovirus that is causing illness in Florida called norovirus GII.4 Sydney. Noroviruses are the most common cause of gastrointestinal (e.g. vomiting and diarrhea) illness and outbreaks, particularly in the winter months. The disease is very easily spread from person-to-person. Group settings such as day care facilities, schools, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and prisons are at increased risk for norovirus outbreaks. The emergence of new noroviruses can cause an increased number of outbreaks.

In preparation for a potential increase in norovirus outbreaks in the upcoming months, we encourage everyone to help prevent norovirus outbreaks.

General norovirus prevention & control recommendations:

- Exclude persons that have vomiting or diarrhea from group settings or work for 48 hours after symptoms resolve;
- Conduct frequent hand washing with soap and water, especially after using the restroom or changing diapers, and before eating, preparing, or handling food;
- Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, bathrooms, and toys;
- Facilities should have a supply of disinfectant that is Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered as effective against Norovirus, and diluted bleach should be used to clean up spills (5-25 tablespoons per gallon of water, depending on the amount of organic material such as vomit or diarrhea that is present on the surface to be cleaned and disinfected). Many routine disinfectants are not effective against norovirus;
- High risk facilities should create an illness log to record when and why persons are sent home sick;
- Report sudden increases in diarrhea or vomiting illness within any group to your County Health Department; and
- If a facility has an increase in diarrhea or vomiting illness, ensure strict exclusion policies, increase the frequency of hand hygiene, and routinely use a disinfectant that is EPA-registered as effective against norovirus, or use a diluted bleach solution.

For more information on norovirus please visit: www.cdc.gov/norovirus and <http://doh.state.fl.us/environment/medicine/foodsurveillance/norovirus.htm>

SCRATCH ANKLE TIME

Get your applications in now!



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THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SANTA ROSA MEDICAL CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Ronnie McDowell & T. Graham Brown Private Concert
Farmer's Opry in Chumuckla
Thursday, February 14, 2013
5-30 - 7:00 p.m. dinner 7:00 p.m. concert
Dress Attire: Jeans, Boots, Cowboy hats
Sit-down dinner \$35

Silent Auction and More

Proceeds to benefit the Kathy Russell Scholarships & the Milton Relay for Life Cancer Survivor's Reception [626-5113](tel:626-5113) or [626-9567](tel:626-9567) for additional information

**ATTEND THE CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY SPONSORED
BY THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Date: Feb. 21 – April 25, 2013

Time: 6 - 8:45 p.m., Thursday Nights Only

Place: St. Sylvester Catholic Church 6464 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, FL. 32563

All too often a person's perception of law enforcement is that which is learned from crime-action television shows or movies. Although these captivate the public's imagination they are not always reality based. Those that depict "real life" situations only reflect a small portion of reality.

In view of this, the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office wants to educate the local citizenry on the agency's internal structure and the integral part that the agency plays in the local community.

By attending the "Citizens Law Enforcement Academy" you will learn how to better protect yourself from being a crime victim, how to report crime, and the ramifications of committing a crime. You will receive knowledge on officer training & equipment, what constitutes a crime, and how to differentiate between "reasonable suspicion" and "probable cause." You will watch police K-9s in action, learn about the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.), see how a crime scene is handled and incriminating evidence is collected. You will learn the "Shoot/Don't Shoot" methodology, the use of firearms & tasers and what it is like to be an inmate behind bars. (A Saturday will be set aside for a tour of the county jail and evidence section along with a demonstration of officer firearms training at the firearms range of the main Sheriff's Office in East Milton, for those who are interested.)

This academy is FREE and open to residents 18 and older. To register for this class, go online to www.santarosasheriff.org, click on Services and Programs and go to the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy article & complete the application. Application forms will also be available at St. Sylvester Catholic Church. For questions call 983-1236.

BECOME A GETTING AHEAD FACILITATOR--WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY FOR TRAVEL!

Join author Phil Devol online **February 8 and 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CST**

Register today!

Getting Ahead is a program that allows people in poverty to create an economic plan of stability for themselves. It is a program created for people from poverty that embeds the concepts of Bridges into a weekly curriculum.

Bring this powerful program to your community by learning how to lead Getting Ahead as a facilitator.

Learn how to use the Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World workbook for adults in poverty. This program shows them how to use the hidden rules of class to build up financial, emotional, social, and other resources. Understanding the hidden rules of middle class and wealth, and choosing to use them, can open doors to such resources as new relationships and new jobs, among others.

Facilitator training includes the following topics: philosophy, theory, motivation and incentives, long-term support, mental models, content and process, and practice sessions.

For more information, email us at questions@bridgesoutofpoverty.com, or call us at (800) 424-

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 **488** 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*

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.navarre-cert.org/training/form, send e-mail to training@navarre-cert.org, or contact Mike Sandler at (850) 939-6973.

DISASTER ACADEMY

The Southeastern Jurisdiction is hosting a Disaster Academy beginning February 18, 2013 at Simpsonwood in Norcross, GA. Advanced Early Response Training (ERT) and working with children in a shelter are tracks available to trained ERTs.

Click [HERE](#) to register. **Registration deadline is February 1.** There is a \$100 stipend available.

For more information, please contact Amelia Fletcher at 251-968-2549 or Amelia@gulfshoresumc.org

TURNING A GOOD IDEA INTO A HIGH QUALITY GRANT PROPOSAL: A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Purpose: The workshop aims to promote a stronger collaboration of Extension and NGOs to address the needs of the communities they serve by helping participants establish networks and processes that foster the type of supportive and encouraging relationships required to transform an idea into a funded project. Participants will learn to: 1) Collaborate to develop their ideas; 2) Follow a systematic process to transform ideas into powerful narratives; and 3) Understand the perspective of reviewers and potential funders.

Pensacola:

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

February 7th 2013

Escambia County UF Extension Office
Windstorm Training Room
3740 Stefani Rd.
Cantonment, FL 32533-7792

FORMIDABLE FOOTPRINT - WILDFIRE / TORNADO / EARTHQUAKE EXERCISES



Wildfire
Tornado
Earthquake



National Community / Neighborhood Exercise Series

The series of [Formidable Footprint](#) exercises for neighborhood, community and faith based organizations continues.

January 26 – Wildfire / February 23 – Tornado / March 30 – Earthquake

Exercises have also been scheduled for the following scenarios:

Flood – Hurricane – Influenza Pandemic – Solar Storm



The Formidable Footprint exercise series has been developed in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) protocols. The objective of the exercise series is for CERTs, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Neighborhood Associations, Community / Faith Based Organizations, Citizen Corps, Fire Corps and others to work as a team to become better prepared for the next disaster their community may face.

There is NO CHARGE for participation in any of the Formidable Footprint exercises.

For additional information or to register for up-coming exercises please access the following web site today: www.FormidableFootprint.org

Stay informed regarding future exercises by joining the Formidable Footprint LinkedIn Group <http://www.drc-group.com/project/footprint.html#linkedin>

DISASTER SERVICES AN OVERVIEW:

This course is now the prerequisite for all disaster courses and begins a series that will provide us training for next hurricane season. Other courses in the series will be Sheltering/Shelter Simulation, Disaster Assessment, Disaster Frontline Supervisor, Client Case Work. Dates and locations on these courses will be provided at a later date.

This class is open both current volunteers and those looking to volunteer!

When: Saturday Jan 26th

Time: 8:30

Location: Pensacola Office, 222 N. Baylen Street, Pensacola FL 32502

To register please contact John Murray at john.murray@redcross.org.

FREE! INTRODUCTORY WEBINARS

This month we are offering 2 more free webinars: **Workplace Violence: Could This Have Been Prevented?** and **Benefits of Modern Day Bicycle Patrol For Security Professionals**. The course information is below along with links to the registration page. Upon completion of each course you will receive a certificate and have the opportunity to speak with the instructor. Space in the classes is limited so we suggest signing up **as soon as possible**. If you are placed on the wait list we cannot guarantee a spot in the class.

We have many more courses to come. If you would like to recommend a specific class send us an email, we would love to hear from you.

Course: Workplace Violence: Could This Have Been Prevented?

Duration: 1 Hour

Date: January 22nd, 2013

Times: 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

Registration: [Click Here](#)

Description: The amount of violence in the workplace is occurring at an astounding rate. Workplace violence has become a threat to **any type of business**. Combating workplace violence is a team effort that involves the employee and employer. Unfortunately, many people in the workplace are not trained to recognize the signs of potential violence, what to do when it occurs, what to report, or how to react before the situation escalates. This **free** webinar gives you insight into all of these aspects of violence in the workplace. This webinar will prepare you to identify:

- Types Of Workplace Violence
- Risk Factors
- Prevention Elements
- What To Do When You Encounter A Potential Or In-Progress Incident

The information contained in this webinar is important to everyone in your workplace....all of the members of your team for a **safe work environment**.

Course: Benefits of Modern Day Bicycle Patrol For Security Professionals

Duration: 1 Hour

Date: January 23rd, 2013

Times: 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

Registration: [Click Here](#)

Description: The use of modern bicycle patrol in both security and law enforcement is often an overlooked highly beneficial patrol technique. This webinar will go over the history, growth, application, benefits and overview of training involved in becoming certified.

This introductory lecture is being presented by Off. Shawn Barry (Ret.) a 21 year veteran police officer and Executive Board Member of the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association. Shawn has trained hundreds of police officers in bicycle patrol and public order response from all over North America

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*

Catastrophic Power Outages Pose Significant Recovery Challenges

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/US-Recover-Catastrophic-Power-Outage.html>

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.lucienanton.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