



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA

www.safersantarosa.org

30 April 2012

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

The Annual Meeting went off without a hitch, thank you to all participants, and to St. Ann's Catholic Church for hosting.

Thank you to the SAFER board for service over the past few years of our development, and welcome to new board members!

FAMILY IN NEED (single mom with handicapped child)

A family with car trouble is in need of repairs in order to keep taking a handicapped child to therapy and school. This family is doing their best to handle life issues alone, but she is a single mother. Repairs look to be running near \$800, any amount of aid will help. Call Barbara at 850-982-7991 she will accept donations on behalf of this family. Alternately, you can donate to SAFER via paypal on our webpage.

ESCAROSA COALITION ON THE HOMELESS SEEKING DONATIONS FOR "NEW HOME BOXES".

Have home items cluttering your cabinets? ECOH needs plates, cups, utensils, toilet paper, pillows, and other home items for our newest program, New Home Boxes. Many formally homeless that find stable housing do not have the funds to support basic household needs. Help us make their transition towards stability easier. Go to link below for a full list of needed items and to learn how to donate. <http://escarosa.wordpress.com/donate>. Contact: Lilia DelBosque Oakey 708.917.2727.

Serene Keiek, Santa Rosa County Coordinator **EscaRosa** Coalition on the **Homeless**
O: 850.436.4646 F: 850.436.4656 C: 850.255.5585

TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM (TIP)

The Trauma Intervention Program, or TIP is a group of specially trained volunteers that are called by emergency responders to provide immediate, on-scene emotional and organizational support to victims and survivors of a traumatic event. We are called by Sheriff and Police Departments, FHP, Fire Departments and hospital ERs. TIP responds to calls 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year and is completely comprised of volunteers. We respond to natural deaths in the home, fires, car accidents, homicides, suicides, home invasions, rape, robbery, drownings--any circumstance where there is someone in need of support. We may also be called for large scale events, such as a plane crash, mass shooting, etc. **We are always in need of compassionate volunteers. Our volunteers range in age from college students to retirees, and come from varied backgrounds. There is no special experience required, just a caring heart and the desire to help someone in need.** Once training is complete, your obligation as a volunteer is only 3 twelve hour shifts per month. If you are interested, or know of someone that may be, please visit our website

at www.tip-ser.org for the next training dates and location, or give us a call at 934-6654. TIP is compassion in action.

DIAPER DRIVE

Families Count and SRYP www.sryp.org are hosting a diaper drive in conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)



Diaper
Drive_News_Release.

DENTAL SUPPLIES

Ferris Hill Baptist Church is collecting hygiene items to assist in resourcing the Dental Bus that will be in Milton in mid-May. Please drop off any of the following items no later than May 13th, Monday-Friday, 9am-noon:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Mouthwash, Bar Soap, Wash Cloth, Gallon Size Baggies (all full size items – not travel).

For more information please contact 623-3500 or office@ferrishill.org

SANTAROSA KIDS HOUSE RECIPE COLLECTION

The Board of Directors for the Santa Rosa Kids House needs your help! Last December we introduced our 1st edition Santa Rosa Kids' House Cookbook and were very successful in raising much needed funds for the House. These cookbooks contain recipes from our own collections, friends and family and were beautifully represented. Will you take the time to contribute to the 2nd edition of our Cookbook in order to keep the Santa Rosa Kids' House open to help "stop the hurt"?

You can contribute recipes to our Cookbook in various ways:

- 1) Our preferred method-Login directly to our "typensave" website and submit your recipes. While you are there you can view the recipes already submitted. Just go to www.typensave.com, enter group login as "srkidsrecipes2", password as "help2012", then enter your name as contributor and submit your recipes..... OR
- 2) Fill out the publisher's form attached to this email and drop it by the Kids' House at 5643 Stewart Street, Milton Florida (32583) or return to me or another board member (disregard the 5 day deadline statement at the bottom)....OR
- 3) You may use the flyer you received in last year's editionOR
- 4) Send your recipes via email or as a Word attachment to srkidsrecipes@yahoo.com
- 5) Pass this email on to all your friends and family so they may also submit and share their favorites.

We can make this our best Cookbook ever and as always thank you for all your support and contributions to the Kids' House.

Adair Cotton, 2012 Cookbook Fundraiser Chair Board of Directors Santa Rosa Kids' House

INFORMATION

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

PENSACOLA BEACH HILTON NOW HIRING

Please see the attached news release regarding an upcoming hiring event to be held next Tuesday, May 1st, for the Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front.



Hilton News
Release.pdf

UNWANTED OR UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF SITES

Santa Rosa County Sheriff Wendall Hall, has set up prescription drug drop off sites at every SRSO District Office including the Jay Office at City Hall. This is will be available starting this

Monday April 30th. The Drop Off Boxes will be available 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. The Jay District Office phone number is 675-4335. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be Saturday April 28 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the main Sheriff's Office, 5755 E Milton Road, Milton and the Gulf Breeze District Office, 1322 College Parkway, Gulf Breeze.

FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT MARINES!

United Way is supporting an effort to raise awareness for the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Park in Pensacola on August 20th, 2012. The Memorial represents ALL MARINES that have served and sacrificed for the past 100 years. In short, the Memorial will "Honor the Past, Salute the Present and Inspire the Future of Marine Air."

The effort will also help Marines and supporters celebrate the Centennial, as it will be the third national memorial to Marines, following the Iwo Jima and the Beirut Bombing Memorials. Additionally, the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower will house a special 24 inch Cast Bronze Bell that will pay tribute to the "Mission of Mercy" CASEVAC/MEDEVAC Marines that have courageously extracted Marines from the battlefield throughout our history. The current fund raising goal is \$210,000 to pay for the Bronze Bell (\$35,000) and then manufacture & raise the Tower (\$175,000). The marines are halfway there! We need your help to raise the rest by volunteering.

On May 10th, 11th and 12th, volunteers will be needed at three tents at three locations to raise awareness and take donations for the memorial. Bring a few friends and take turns manning the booth while enjoying the festivities at Bonfire Jam, Bamboo Willies and the Sandshaker Lounge. Volunteers will get to enjoy Bonfire Jam for free and have access to free parking. Must be 21 years of age or older to volunteer. Come out and enjoy the festivities as we raise awareness of the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower! See below for the times and locations. To volunteer, email bobby.tagle@usmc.mil. Visit honorourmarines.org for more info.

Thursday, May 10th

Sandshaker Lounge 4-8 p.m.
Bamboo Willies 4-8 p.m.

Friday, May 11th

Sandshaker Lounge 4-8 p.m.
Bamboo Willies 4-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 12th

Bonfire Jam 1-4 p.m.
Bonfire Jam 4-8 p.m.
Sandshaker Lounge 1-4 p.m.
Sandshaker Lounge 4-7 p.m.

Sandshaker Lounge 7-10 p.m.
Bamboo Willies 1-4 p.m.
Bamboo Willies 4-7 p.m.
Bamboo Willies 7-10 p.m.

Call Master Gunnery Sergeant Bobby Tagle at (850)452-8762 ext. 3130 or email bobby.tagle@usmc.mil to sign up!

BE A FORCE OF NATURE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qo07zemXjaE&feature=youtu.be>

61 second message that says it all.

Kindergartener's Version of a Public Service Announcement

WHAT IS THE AIR LIKE WHERE YOU LIVE?

<http://www.stateoftheair.org/>

SANTA ROSA TRANSIT ADDS EXPRESS ROUTES

-Service Offers Faster Ride to Work-

Starting Monday, April 30, Santa Rosa Transit will offer morning, afternoon and evening limited-stop express routes to allow riders to reach their destinations between East Milton and Pensacola more quickly during peak travel times to and from work. The public transportation service, offered mainly along U.S. Hwy. 90 with a connection to the Escambia County Area

Transit system at Nine Mile Road and University Parkway, previously took over two hours from start to finish. The new limited stop express route will take riders from East Milton to the ECAT stop on University Parkway in about one hour. A midday non-express service will continue similar to the previous service. Routes and time tables are available online at www.santarosa.fl.gov/transit.

The changes to the service were in response to the request by the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners to offer faster service in order to better accommodate those who may live but work in the other county. The transit service will continue to operate Monday through Friday. Service changes included:

- The addition of an express service of 10 bus stop locations three times a day, from the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's office to the University Pkwy. /9 mile Road ECAT connection.
- Elimination of the bus stops at the Blackwater Correctional Facility and state correctional institution in East Milton.
- The addition of two stops north to Rosasco Street in Milton and one stop south of U.S. Hwy. 90 to Walker Street in Milton.

The transit program is primarily designed to help residents with transportation needs to and from work, but also helps provide access to medical services, shopping and government offices throughout the day. In its second year of operations, monthly ridership has risen since service began in December 2010, from 167 to 771 in March 2012.

Santa Rosa Transit service is provided through the cooperation of the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners, Pensacola Bay Transportation LLC, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization, and the Federal Transit Administration. Santa Rosa County is the project manager, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization procured the buses and is the federal grant recipient, and Pensacola Bay Transportation LLC is the operator.

FAMILY PROMISE EVENT

You are invited to an Afternoon Tea scheduled for Saturday, May 5, from 2-4pm at Avalon Baptist Church. The flyer is attached.



2012 FP Tea Flyer.pdf

FAVORHOUSE WHITE ROSE LUNCHEON

May 17, 2012

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



White Rose Luncheon Event -201



sponsorship information 2-8-12.dc

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELPING SANTA ROSANS AFFECTED BY OIL SPILL

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida is setting up offices in Santa Rosa County to help distribute \$300,000 in emergency assistance to Santa Rosa residents still suffering from the 2010 BP oil spill.

The organization currently serves Santa Rosa residents out of its Pensacola offices, but it will now see clients at the United Way office in Milton, said Elizabeth Fayard, director of marketing and development for Catholic Charities. It also is looking for office space in the south end of the county.

"We didn't have a location in Santa Rosa County for people to get to easily. They would have to get transportation to get to our outreach center in Pensacola, which can be very difficult in those circumstances," Fayard said. "This is going to afford us the opportunity to serve them closer to their home."

Guy Thompson, the mayor of Milton and executive director of the United Way of Santa Rosa County, welcomed the new organization, which will see clients at the United Way office by appointment on Tuesdays. Catholic Charities, which serves those in need regardless of their religion, began meeting clients there this week.

"We're happy to have Catholic Charities utilize our facility to provide services in Santa Rosa County for those who have been affected by the oil spill," Thompson said.

The Santa Rosa offices will work to distribute the \$300,000, an anonymous grant to Catholic Charities. The money will be used to help those with an emergency need pay utility bills, housing costs, medical or pharmaceutical expenses and other needs that caseworkers determine are directly or indirectly the result of the oil spill.

"It's there for those who have been affected by the oil spill, but who hasn't been?" Fayard said. "There's a specific questionnaire the caseworkers use to decide, with the applicant, not only have they been (affected), but how have they been affected by the BP oil spill."

Caseworkers will evaluate each situation and assist potential clients according to their need, immediacy of need and family situation. Families with children, expectant mothers, the homeless and individuals lacking immediate necessities will all be priorities.

<http://www.pnj.com/article/20120412/NEWS01/204120327/Catholic-Charities-helping-Santa-Rosans-affected-by-oil-spill>

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

It's the time of the year when we kick off our shoes and have some fun

The 2012 Flip Flop Fling is less than two weeks away, and this year the party is better than ever.

With a luau-inspired dinner, exciting games, door prizes, silent & live auctions, and a few surprises, Flip Flop Fling is a festive FUNdraiser you don't want to miss. And don't forget your favorite pair of flip flops -- besides being awesomely stylish footwear they might win a prize!

If you don't have tickets already, there is still time. Contact Jerry Kindle at jerry.kindle@redcross.org or call 432-7601 <http://www.redcross-nwfl-events.com/flip-flop-fling.html>

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-) We are up to **339** 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.

NOTE DATE CHANGE
PREPAREDNESS EXPO IS COMING SOON!

Don't forget to save the date for the **June 23rd** Preparedness Expo being held at the Gulf Breeze auditorium in the community Center. It starts at 10 and ends at 2. You should be able to pick up lots of good information about being prepared for what could be a bad season for storms and illnesses. Be sure to stop by and visit our vendors who have ways of protecting you, your family and your home. This is the only preparedness expo in the Western Panhandle dedicated to all hazards.



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2012 Preparedness EXPO

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness (SAFER) has scheduled the third annual Preparedness Expo for **June 23, 2012** at the City of Gulf Breeze [Recreation Center](#). The purpose of the Expo is to offer attendees critical information in order to ensure their homes and businesses are protected against disaster. This Expo will run from 10a.m. – 2p.m. Our sponsors, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Hometown Contractors would like to invite you to participate.

We would like to invite members of the public to attend. We should have a great line of vendors and other activities for you. Watch for more information on the scheduling of these classes, or regularly visit www.safersantarosa.org for updates. You may also visit us on facebook.

We would also like you to consider ways in which your company can be a part of and benefit from this important community event. In addition to participating as an exhibitor, we also have many sponsorship opportunities, which include booth space, and more exposure in the community. Let us know if you would like more information about Expo Sponsorship or if you have any Expo questions by contacting Brenda at brsvpsantarosa@mchsi.com or 983-5220.

SAFER is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose core purpose is to engage our community in disaster preparedness, response and recovery and was established to engage all sectors of the community to ensure scarce resources are utilized effectively, efficiently and with minimum duplication. Our hope is that you can support this effort by attending this EXPO.

In service to our community,

SAFER Board



SAFER 2012 Preparedness Expo Exhibitor Registration Form

FOUR STEPS TO REGISTER: PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED

I. Please check your type of organization in line below.

Business **Non Profit** **Government agency** **Faith Based**

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| COMPANY NAME: | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCT(S) REPRESENTED: | | | | | | | |
| COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: | | | | | | | |
| MAILING ADDRESS: | | | | | | | |
| CITY: | | | | ZIP: | | | |
| PHONE: | | () | | FAX: | | () | |
| E-MAIL: | | | | | | | |
| BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER: | | | | | | | |
| CELL PHONE NUMBER TO CONTACT ON EVENT DAY: | | | | () | | | |

II. EXHIBIT SPACE

Each Exhibit Space includes: table, 2 chairs.

ALL Exhibit Space is assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Enter the number of Exhibit Spaces Needed for Your Display:

REGISTRATION

_____ @ \$150 Per Exhibit Space = \$_____

Door Prize: Each Exhibitor is asked to provide a door prize valued at \$25 or more.

Door Prize Item: _____

Make checks payable to SAFER Santa Rosa and mail to 6294 Buckskin Drive, Milton FL 32570

Non- profits and faith based organizations welcome to participate, but disaster related information for the public must be a major part of exhibit. Non- profit and faith based organization space is donated, but organizations must become SAFER members and faith based organizations must register with faith based data base. Contact Brenda for details.

III. COMPLETED FORMS Exhibitor must provide the following for package to be considered complete: (a) Exhibitor Registration Form, (b) Exhibitor Liability Release Form, (c) Door Prize Item, (d) Payment for Exhibit Space.

If you have any questions contact Brenda Roland at brsvpsantarosa@mchsi.com
Telephone: (850) 983-5220 Fax: (850) 983-5225

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>

MRC RADIATION TRAINING



MRC Radiation

Volunteer Training Fly



MRC Radiation

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MRC Radiation Training scheduled at SR EOC on May 2nd has been cancelled due to low registration. However, it has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 23rd at Santa Rosa EOC.

Please find updated flyer.

MRC Santa Rosa Peggy Armstrong 850-983-5200 x166

SUSTAINABILITY? WHO CARES?

Free Webinar

Sustainability? Who Cares?

5 June - 12pm EDT

The terms "sustainable" and "sustainability" have become so ubiquitous on corporate websites, in business plans and during corporate presentations that it would be easy to believe that senior management teams now have a good understanding of the issue and are well under way in their efforts to build truly sustainable organizations.

A detailed dictionary definition of the term "sustainable" gives the word to mean "being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged over an extended period of time". By referring to this definition, the claim by most organizations are on the road to sustainability appears at best superficial and at worst inaccurate.

This webinar uses this assessment as a starting point to lead a discussion in order that participants might challenge themselves as to how they currently manage their organizations to deal with challenge of sustainability.

Learning Objectives :

- **Gain a greater understanding of the "sustainability" challenges** facing our organizations
- **Learn about an holistic model of "360 Sustainability"** which will serve to guide participants **undertaking the "sustainability" challenge in their organizations**
- **Learn about some companies that are being innovative in dealing with "sustainability"**

NEW ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMS

Through a collaboration with the NYSDOH Tobacco Control Program the Empire State PHTC is excited to announce the availability of a series of new e-learning courses focused on Tobacco and Public Health.

This new and exciting series provides a well-rounded introduction to the topic of tobacco dependence, its health implications and existing approaches to address this preventable yet deadly addiction.

[Tobacco Awareness for Public Health Professionals](#)

[Tobacco Assessment Toolkit: Clinical Practice Guidelines](#)

[Tobacco Treatment Toolkit: Clinical Practice Guidelines](#)

[Tobacco Dependence: A Foundation for Public Health Professionals](#)

All of our ESPHTC courses are free, self-paced and interactive and many offer continuing education credits.

IS-36: MULTHAZARD PLANNING FOR CHILDCARE

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is36.asp>

“INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS”

This course (ARRL EC-001) is designed for Amateur Radio volunteers who want to serve as part of an ARES[®] response team, or simply wish to improve their emergency communication skills.

Some of the topics to be covered:

- Introduction to Emergency Communications
- Amateurs as Professionals
- Emergency Communication Organizations & Systems
- Served Agency Communication Systems
- Working Directly with the Public
- Basic Communications Skills
- Introduction to Emergency Nets
- Net Operating Guidelines
- Introduction to the National Traffic System
- Basic Message Handling
- Preparing for Deployment
- Emergency Activation
- Safety & Survival
- What to Expect in Large Scale Disasters
- Marine Communications
- ...and much more!



*Upon completion of exams, student will receive a Course Completion certificate from ARRL.

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| DATES: | May 12 & 19 |
| TIME: | 0800 – 1700 each day |
| LOCATION: | Santa Rosa County EOC 4499 Pine Forest Road Milton, FL 32583 |
| Only 20 students will be allowed to register! | |

To register, sign up at <http://www.w4sjv.com>.

For more information, contact Steve VanDenAkker at:

Email: steve@w4sjv.com

Phone: 850-637-2496

*Student must take FEMA online courses IS-100.b and IS-700.a ***PRIOR*** to taking the end-of-course exam. These courses are free of charge and may be accessed at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>. However, a \$15 exam fee will be charged to take the “Introduction to Emergency Communications” exam.

PER 212 OPERATIONAL LEVEL RESPONSE TO HAZMAT/WMD INCIDENTS

This course focuses on the unique personal protection challenges that responders face during a WMD or terrorist incident. Upon successful course completion, participants will be able to respond to a WMD/terrorism incident in a defensive mode and preclude the spread of a CBRNE

hazard to the public and the environment. Major course topics include: assessing CBRNE hazards, predicting the likely behavior of CBRNE materials, effectively operating and communicating in a unified command structure of ICS, determining detection equipment and personal protection equipment (PPE) needs, performing emergency decontamination, and identifying defensive strategies for a CBRNE incident. This course provides the knowledge and skills needed to obtain certification through NPQS (ProBoard) at the hazardous materials Operations level (NFPA 472). The course is delivered using lectures, interactive participant activities, performance-oriented skills stations, small group discussions, multimedia scenarios, and an end-of-course written and skills examinations.

Free Pro Board Testing will be offered with this course. This training is recommended for all First Responders

Pace Fire Department 4773 Pace Patriot Blvd Pace 32571 Santa Rosa County Area 1
Friday, June 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Please register online at:

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/moreinfo.asp?id=2673>

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>

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.

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

States' Capability to Respond to Disasters Increases despite Shrinking Budgets

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/States-Capability-to-Respond-to-Disasters-Increases-Despite-Shrinking-Budgets.html>

La Niña fading, likely gone by end of April

<http://www.climatewatch.noaa.gov/image/2012/la-nina-fading-likely-gone-by-end-of-april>

Flat Stanley Severe Weather Preparedness- Video

http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/8201

Episode 7, Disaster and Preparedness: Put Disaster Down for the Count- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhLM-oQYQUo&feature=youtu.be>

Disaster Preparation for Families with Food Allergies

http://www.kidswithfoodallergies.org/resourcespre.php?id=171&title=food_allergy_disaster_emergency_plan_preparedness

Crisis Communication: Three factors that influence trust

<http://luciancanton.typepad.com/files/trust-apr-2012.pdf>

Social Media 4 Emergency Management, Lessons from Virtual Teams

<http://www.sm4em.org/2012/04/lessons-from-virtual-teams/>

Government and Industry Get So-So Grades on Oil Spill Prevention Efforts

http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=government-and-industry-get-so-so-grades-on-oil-spill-prevention-efforts&WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

Measles cases reached 15-year high in 2011

http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/04/19/measles-cases-reached-15-year-high-in-2011/?hpt=hp_bn12

Better Understanding of Psychosocial Consequences of Disasters Needed, Report Says

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/better-understanding-of-psychosocial-consequences-of-disasters-needed-report-says/8dc0f958951ddc45ded0930fec54303.html>

Fewer need to flee as county revamps its decades-old hurricane strategy (Florida)

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/storm/storm-news/fewer-need-to-flee-as-county-revamps-its-2309763.html>

Joplin District Rep: Don't Use Hallways as Tornado Shelters (Missouri)

<http://www.campusafety.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2012/01/Don-t-Use-Hallways-As-Tornado-Shelters.aspx>

How to handle asteroid threats

<http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/12/11167908-how-to-handle-asteroid-threats?lite>

Women confronting natural disaster: from vulnerability to resilience

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=26149&a=email>

Join the Public Health Response

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/news/events/Pages/phresponse.aspx>

Are Online Tools the Future of Disaster Relief?

<http://mashable.com/2012/04/16/disaster-relief-online/>

Radios still important in severe weather

http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/radios-still-important-in-severe-weather

FEMA says Florida communities risk losing flood insurance because of legislation

<http://www.thefloridacurrent.com/article.cfm?id=27283998>

How Social Research Can Help Emergency Managers Plan

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Social-Research-Help-Emergency-Managers-Plan.html>

US Senate confirms Florida woman as agency head

<http://www.wtxl.com/content/topstories/story/US-Senate-confirms-Florida-woman-as-agency-head/q0o-8EHhAUS2tgt1xPlneA.csp>

30 Social Media Predictions for 2012 from the Pros

<http://www.socialmediaexaminer.com/30-social-media-predictions-for-2012-from-the-pros/>

Episode 5, Disaster and Preparedness: Don't Let Disaster Have the Last Word- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/user/PrepareMetroKC?feature=watch>

Get CDC Health Tips & Alerts via Text Message

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HealthTextAlerts/>

United States: Social media sites help aid agencies, families after disasters

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25632&a=email>

FEMA Director: Private Sector Needs 'Seat at the Table' in Disaster Response

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2012/03/28/241010.htm>

Space Weather: What Emergency Managers Need to Know

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