



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA

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30 July 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

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP SOUTH SANTA ROSA COUNTY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Navarre UMC is offering their first ever "Back to School Bash" for children receiving the free lunch program in Navarre area schools. They have sent out invitations to all of the students for August 4. They will offer free haircuts, dental checkups, have a drawing for new bikes, provide each child with a back pack and standard school supplies. They will also have horse rides, a bouncy house, etc.

Be a part of helping the kids in our community by providing a great time, fun fellowship and **much needed school supplies for the upcoming 2012/2013 school year!** Your contribution of prayer, financial support, and/or time at this event will help make it a success for those in need in our community! Thank you for your support! Contact Rebecca Rutherford at becca.rutherford@navarreumc.org if you have supplies or support to provide to this worthy cause.



[Back to School Bash Brochure.pub](#)

CRAM THE VAN KICKS OFF! BIG COLLECTIONS SET FOR AUGUST 3rd

United Way Santa Rosa (UWSR) has partnered with WEAR TV3, Sandy Sansing Automotive Group and Walmart to provide school supplies to children in need through Cram the Van. This annual school supply drive supports children in Santa Rosa County who might not otherwise be provided with the things they need to succeed in school.

"United Way is very passionate about education," said Marianne Back, Director of Planning & Design for UWSR. "Santa Rosa County has one of the best school systems in Florida and through great teachers, who are able to identify students in need, we have helped to create and maintain several programs to assist students and their families with basic needs. Through our partnership with Cram the Van, we hope to alleviate stress and cost for families during this back-to-school season."

UWSR staff, volunteers, Sandy Sansing representatives, Cat Country 98.7, and WEAR TV3 will stage a collection site from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 3 in front of the Walmart in Pace. Soft Rock 94.1, WXBM 102.7 and UWSR staff and volunteers will also stage a collection site at the Gulf Breeze Walmart on Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The community is asked to stop by these locations to donate school supplies and contribute monetarily.

Additional volunteers are needed to help collect, sort and pack school supplies for children in need. Here's how you can help:

Collect School Supplies

Thursday, August 2nd

Shifts: 6-9am, 9am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm, 4-6:30pm

Where: Walmart – Pace

- Help Cram the Van in front of Walmart in shifts from 6am to 6:30pm. Drinks and snacks provided. Hang out with United Way staff & WEAR TV crew as we collect school supplies. Volunteers will hand out flyers, take donations, and sort & count school supplies for the drive. Dress for hot weather! Groups and teens welcome! Let's make a big commotion to make sure kids get the tools they need for school.

Pack School Supplies for Kids

Friday, August 3rd

Monday, August 6th

Shifts: 8am-12pm & 12-4pm

Where: United Way Office (6479-A Caroline St. in Milton)

- Inventory the collected school supplies and stuff backpacks appropriate to each child's grade. Breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks provided. Groups and teens welcome!

Contact Marianne Back at (850) 623-4507 or email Marianne@unitedwaysrc.org to volunteer.

For more information, visit www.weartv.com or www.unitedwaysrc.org

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERSHIP & EMPLOYMENT INFO

This is a great program, 3 job openings available, also membership information in one of the attachments.

Get your kids signed up!



2012 Fall Program
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Job
Announcement_Milton

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TEEN CERT CAMP

The Teen CERT Camp that was originally schedule in June has now been rescheduled for August 13-15, 2012. The registration packet is attached. Please pass this along to any teens that would be interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity. They will receive 19 hours of

community service for their participation which can go towards Bright Futures, Juvenile Justice, etc. etc.

If anyone has questions, please have them contact me directly at the contact info below. Thanks for helping me spread the word!

JoAnn Howansky *CERT Coordinator* BRACE VISTA Project
(850) 444-7046 – office (850) 356-2384 - mobile



DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #30: THE EMOTIONAL AFTERMATH

As sympathy stretches across the country, our thoughts are with the victims and their families affected by last week's tragic shooting in Aurora, Colorado.

The impact from such a traumatic event may linger for years and the emotional scars of people directly and indirectly affected may never heal.

Understanding normal responses to these abnormal events can help you and fellow employees cope with feelings, thoughts and behaviors. [Click here](#) for some helpful tips on managing traumatic stress following a disaster.

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TAKE ACTION NOW...

It's time to give back to an organization that has given so much to our community!

If you haven't voted, yet...there is still time! One vote per person for an OUTSTANDING community organization- Impact 100 Pensacola Bay Area - to receive a national philanthropic award! Why? In year one, 233 women joined Impact 100, and two grants of \$116,500 were given. In 2012, IMPACT 100 has 728 members with plans to give seven awards of \$104k each. In all, IMPACT 100 has raised \$4.3 million to give 32 nonprofits funds of \$100k or more.

DIRECTIONS for Voting:

- 1. Click on this link: <http://www.stayclassy.org/classy-awards/vote>
- 2. Choose SOUTHERN REGION
- 3. Choose MOST CREATIVE FUNDRAISER
- 4. Choose IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area
- 5. Submit

COULD YOUR EXTRA BEDROOM MAKE ROOM FOR A TEEN IN NEED?

Families Count is searching for volunteers in the Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa County areas to open their home to teens in need. These homeless students are not living at home with their parents. They have run away or been kicked out due to family conflict, disruption or financial difficulties.

These "couch surfers" are sleeping at the homes of friends, relatives or acquaintances on the couch or floor. Some stay with strangers that puts them at risk, while others get by sleeping in public parks or restrooms. See contact information below to see how you can help.

In Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties, contact Jennifer Meighan at (850) 396-0319 x6 or email j_meighan@familiescount.net.

In Okaloosa County, contact Robin May at (850) 396-0319 x2 or email r_may@familiescount.net.

FAITH BASED NETWORK ~ PLEASE HELP COAWFLA - AMERICAN VOLUNTEER CONTEST THROUGH MOWAA

Please help us by going onto Facebook and going to the Facebook page of the MOWAA ~ Meals on Wheels Association of America (<https://www.facebook.com/#!/mowaa>) and clicking on the American Volunteer Contest Icon....

Chuck and Carol Christian, Meals on Wheels (MOW) Volunteers with the Council on Aging of Aging of West Florida (COAWFLA) have been nominated for this award! If selected for this award, in addition to them receiving the MOWAA's annual Jody Tepedino Nicholo Award, the COAWFLA MOW program additionally would receive an award of \$1000! Second and Third Place winners' MOW programs receive \$500, \$750 respectively.

Voting is now being held through August 21st. Please help us recognize these outstanding volunteers and possibly achieve grant monies for the COAWFLA Meals on Wheels Program!

Please forward to your Friends and Facebook contacts...and ask them to Vote for Chuck & Carol Christian...and possibly assist COAWFLA with grant funding also. Thanks!

Kenny Holt, Vice President, Social Services, Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc. Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties

5TH ANNUAL HEALTHY START SANTA ROSA COUNTY-WIDE BABY SHOWER

This is the last call for vendors for the Healthy Start 5th Annual County-Wide Baby Shower. The shower is being held Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium in Milton.



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Registration
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Attached are the letter and the 2012 registration form for you to review and complete by the July 30, 2012 deadline. **If you have already registered just ignore this notice.** Your completed registration provides me with current contact information and allows for better overall event planning by the Baby Shower Committee. **Feel free to pass the information on to your contacts.**

Associate sponsorships in the \$500+ category and Grand Prize donations are still welcome. We do not have a washer/dryer set for the grand prize this year so any baby furniture, electronic equipment (televisions, i-pads, e-readers, computers), or gift certificates for dinners for two, week-end-get-aways, or other celebrations of new parenthood, would also make great grand prize donations. **If you wish to donate a washer &/or dryer, or know of someone who would, please contact me immediately.**

Barbara Bowman,MSW, Health Planner bbowman@healthystartsantarosa.org
Healthy Start Coalition of Santa Rosa County, Inc. 850-626-6751

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER SOCIETY

Dog Days of Summer is an event for pet lovers &/or anyone who wants to come out and support the American Cancer Society.

Date: August 18, 2012

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: Santa Rosa Medical Center

Come & bring friends and family (including your dogs). We will have a pet photographer, vets, groomers, dog treats, business who make collars, bandanas, leashes, rescue groups, a guide dog demonstration, and lots more!

STRIKE OUT HOMELESSNESS "BOWLING TOURNAMENT"

September 8th, 2012 (1 - 5 pm)

Presented by the EscaRosa Coalition On the Homeless DeLuna Lanes Bowling Center – Pensacola, FL.

Gather your friends, family, and co-workers for an afternoon of fun and bowling and make a difference– all at the same time!

Registration includes:

Bowling and Shoe Rental, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary soda and a chance to win great prizes!

Proceeds from this event benefit homeless men, women and children with unmet emergency needs such as housing, transportation, utilities, food, clothing and healthcare.

Registration fee \$125 per team or \$25 per bowler.
(5 person team)



Strike Out
Homelessness Sponsor

Registration forms are available at the EscaRosa Coalition On the Homeless (2601 W. Strong St. Pensacola, FL.), ECOH Santa Rosa location (United Way of Santa Rosa County, 6479-A Caroline St. Milton,FL). On-line at www.ecoh.org. or email serene.keiek@ecoh.org.

We are also looking for sponsors or if you are unable to join us donations are welcome. For more information on how to register, become a sponsor or make a donation, please contact Serene Keiek at serene.keiek@ecoh.org or Call: 850-232-9548

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING KEYS IN ON SANTA ROSA

Consumer Credit Counseling Services of West Florida (CCC) is now offering its services at the United Way Santa Rosa office in Milton. CCC aids families and individuals in financial distress through financial counseling and education.

Services include classes on basic budgeting, money management, credit repair, checking account maintenance, housing and reverse mortgage education. CCC also provides one-on-one professional housing and credit counseling with certified counselors that is private and confidential.

Call (850) 434-0268 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE - OCT. 20TH & 21ST

United Way Santa Rosa, Hidden Creek and Tiger Point golf courses are putting on a the first ever Navarre Beach Golf Tournament and super social kickoff party to unite the power players from Gulf Breeze and Navarre on Oct. 20th & 21st.

Consistent with United Way's intent to extend the length of seasonal hospitality jobs; a major golf tournament like this will help strengthen the hospitality industry fundamental to Navarre's brand as the Gulf Coast emerging preferred destination.

Registrations will be handled through the United Way office at (850) 623-4507

INFORMATION

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

BRACE SEPT 15 YOUTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO

On September 15th, BRACE (Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies) will host the annual YEP! Youth Emergency Preparedness Expo at Washington High School.

BRACE believes in the importance of "...fostering communication, cooperation, collaboration, and coordination among community", and our community includes our youth.

Educating our youth about the necessity of preparedness helps educate their families, too.

This year, the YEP! Expo is being held in conjunction with the National Day of Service and Remembrance. The day will begin with a patriotic recognition of our local heroes – fire, police, and all branches of the military - in remembrance of 9-11.

We are actively seeking agencies and organizations to participate as exhibitors and/or demonstrators during the YEP! Expo. Our goal is to create a fun and INTERACTIVE experience for children and teens to learn about the myriad of organizations at work and factors at play during any type of disaster.

New to the event this year, we are incorporating a vehicle display area. Any agency or organization with a specialized vehicle is invited to bring it out with them to have on display. We would ask that the organization provide a volunteer or staff person to help monitor the vehicle for safety issues during the event. We are very focused on interactive demonstrations and activities this year, as well. Children (and even adults) learn quickly when engaged in a hands-on experience. There will be outdoor areas for vehicles and active demonstrations.

If your agency or organization is committed to responsible disaster preparedness and/or educating the public - the YEP! Expo would love to have your participation. Attached you will find the registration documents. Please complete the registration forms and email, mail or delivery them to :

YEP!

c/o BRACE
1301 West Government Street
Pensacola, FL 32502



Questions? Call us at 850.444.7135 or by email BRACEinfo@bellsouth.net

COA E-NEWS JULY 2012 **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Our monthly support groups are provided to support all caregivers. Attendance is free and new members are welcome to join at any time.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

MILTON 1st Thursday 6 PM
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church 6451 Park Avenue [See Map](#)

CENTURY 3rd Thursday 6 PM
Century Care Center 6020 Industrial Blvd. [See Map](#)

PENSACOLA Last Thursday 6 PM
Council on Aging of West Florida 875 Royce Street [See Map](#)

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER RELATIVES SUPPORT GROUPS

PENSACOLA 2nd Thursday 6PM
Homewood Suites 5049 Corporate Woods Drive [See Map](#)

GULF BREEZE **July Meeting Cancelled** 4th Tuesday 6 PM
Oriole Beach Elementary School, 1260 Oriole Beach Road [See Map](#)

Giving Just Got Easier!

To be more inclusive and provide more giving options, we are transitioning from an annual membership-type structure to a Circle of Friends. One new option is the online ability to set up automatic monthly recurring pledge-type gifts by credit card. [Click here for details.](#)

Donations may still be made by mail or phone. Additional ways you can help throughout the year include tribute gifts such as memorials or honorariums, including us in obituaries as an "in lieu of flowers" memorial alternative, attending special events, end-of-year gifts, planned giving and bequests, and facilitating company matching gifts. For more information on giving options, please contact LeAnne Hamilton at lhamilton@coawfla.org or 850-266-2513.

PENSACOLA METRO AREA LIONS SIGHT CLINIC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Lions club golf
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See attachment for details.

CHURCHES ON ALERT AFTER SCAM

<http://www.srpressgazette.com/news/church-16275-car-ratliff.html>

Santa Rosa's Press Gazette [Bill Gamblin](#) July 24, 2012 12:58 PM

Things are tough all over, but Thursday that message took a sour turn.

An unidentified individual tried their luck to see what they could get from those at First Baptist Church in Milton.

The individuals did not get what they wanted, but it led some to send out a warning to other churches that offer help and assistance.

According to Eloise Ratliff, a secretary at First Baptist Church in Milton, a young man came into the office claiming his car was broke down and he had a 12 week old baby in his stranded car down the road. He went on to claim he was kin to an area-singing group and that the church should know him.

Ratliff talked to them and kept asking questions, as something just didn't seem right.

"They had four different conversations with different groups while at the church," Ratliff said.

"They would pick up information from one conversation and include details in the next as they tried to get immediate cash.

"He was asking for \$16 for a busted belt on the car, which had broke down the road."

Asking questions seems to be a good plan today, which is a method used at Olivet Baptist Church by Pastor Frankie Godsey.

"I try to ask a lot of questions if something just doesn't seem right," said Godsey, whose church offers food, clothing and other assistance twice a week to individuals. "I remember one many came to the church asking for money so he could get gas for his car.

"I told him to meet me at this gas station and I would fill up his car. It only held 99-cents of gas and I wondered what I should do.

Godsey paused as he recalled his reaction to how little gas the car actually held.

"I just yell out where everyone could hear me, 'Praise the Lord brother he filled up your car on the way over here,'" Godsey recalled. "The big thing I have to remind myself is looks can be deceiving.

"We do not always know the whole story and we just have to trust we are making the right decision when we help people."

On Thursday, Ratliff called for the maintenance man to take the individual down the road to get his wife and baby out of the heat, while he tried to figure something out.

"He was out the door and talking to other people at the church trying to get money," Ratliff said.

"He finally did go with the maintenance man in the van, but the van only went across the street instead of where he said his car was.

"There was a person across the street with the engine running and waiting for him when he jumped out of the van and they sped away."

Milton Police and the Santa Rosa Sheriffs Office say they have not received any calls recently, but law enforcement does offer advice of what you should do if you want to help.

"Don't give money to an individual," Sgt. Scott Haines said. "Donate money to a church or some other non-profit if you want to help those who are struggling."

Haines recalled the last incident involving a church he was aware of was in April of this year at Immanuel Baptist Church when an Alabama man was charged after he allegedly grabbed a cash box from a church member. The cash box contained the proceeds from a Fellowship Dinner the church was having that night.

While these scammers may get what they want, some are found out.

"We do talk among ourselves," Godsey said referring to the churches. "Sometimes we can notice or pick up a pattern of what is going on and this notice is just a way of us communicating.

"Times are still hard. The other day we had a couple come to the church were the man and woman lost their jobs and were getting ready to lose their truck."

Law enforcement still has not solved who took the offering at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church back in March of 2009.

"We are not wanting people to look down upon the people who need help or are homeless," Ratliff said. "We are still going to keep helping people here at the church.

"We just want people to be careful and aware of what was going on in our community."

DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #29: THE MONEY PIT

Imagine this: You have survived the worst; a storm beyond comprehension. Thankfully, your family, friends and employees are safe. Now it's time to survey the damage. You go to your office to find a destroyed roof, damaged computer equipment and a foot of standing water. What now? How will you ever be able to afford all the repairs?

At time of disaster, even the most prepared businesses can be adversely impacted. Knowing what resources are available to you following a disaster can help ease the pain and cost of rebuilding your personal and professional life.

Various organizations have developed disaster assistance programs to financially aid individuals, families and businesses struggling to recover. Click on the links below to learn more about what each program has to offer.

- [FEMA Disaster Assistance](#)
- [IRS Disaster Assistance & Relief Programs](#)
- [SBA Disaster Assistance Funding](#)

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REMINDER TO PARENTS: IMMUNIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL

Although the first day of school is still several weeks away, the Santa Rosa County Health Department would like to remind parents that children must be up to date with their immunizations before entering school, and encourages parents to get their children's shots early. Students entering the seventh grade must have proof that they have received the Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and children over the age of four who are entering pre-k or kindergarten must have completed their four year old shots. Children entering Florida schools for the first time are also required to have a physical.

The health department offers vaccinations on a walk-in basis at all three clinic locations. Immunizations are free for children through the age of 18. Parents are requested to bring a copy of their child's shot record with them to the clinic. School and sports physicals are available by appointment. The fee for a school physical is \$0-\$50 on a sliding scale based on the family's income. Sports physicals are \$50.

Clinic locations and hours:

Milton Clinic 5527 Stewart Street

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Midway Clinic 5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Jay Clinic 14122 Alabama Street

Wednesday only 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

To make an appointment at any of the three clinics, call 850-983-5200, ext.107.

For more information on immunizations, or any of the other services offered at the Santa Rosa County Health Department, visit our website at www.healthysantarosa.com.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE COALITION HOLDS MEETING

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition will hold its next meeting on Thursday, August 2, at 4 p.m. at the Santa Rosa County Health Department, 5527 Stewart Street in Milton. Topics to be considered will include a report on the statewide meeting, policy work for the upcoming year, and subcommittee assignments.

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

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

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

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

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**SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE IN FLORIDA
FOLLOWING SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE DISASTER DECLARATION FOR DROUGHT**

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that federal economic injury disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes located in Escambia, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties in **Florida** as a result of drought that began Jan. 1, 2012.

“These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in **Alabama**. The Small Business Administration recognizes that disasters do not usually stop at county or state lines. For that reason, counties adjacent to primary counties named in the declaration are included,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

“When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to assist eligible entities affected by the same disaster,” Skaggs added.

Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers. Nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

Loan amounts can be up to \$2 million, with interest rates of 3 percent for non-profit organizations and 4 percent for small businesses. Terms can be up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. The agency sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant’s financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have

been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than **March 12, 2013**.

SRYP
August is Membership Month!

There will be new member incentives and door prizes at each event. We will send out an email the first of the month with details but mark your calendars now for the following events:

Social/Networking Event

"Business After Hours"

Date: Thursday, August 2

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Arrow Embroidery 6434 Open Rose Drive, Milton

SRYP Lunch Bunch

Date: Thursday, August 9

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Ruby Tuesday 4917 Highway 90, Pace

Non-Profit Expo (GB Chamber)

Date: Thursday, August 23

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Tiger Point Golf Club

SRYP Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 30

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Oops Alley, Pace

BE THE FIRST

You know as well as anyone, accidents happen every day. Burns. Broken bones. Bee stings. With the official American Red Cross First Aid App, you can have expert advice for everyday emergencies in the palm of your hand.

Get the app – It's Free! – and be prepared for what life brings. Search the [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#) app stores with keyword: Red Cross and download the app.

Download and rate the app today and ask your family and friends to do the same.

<http://itunes.apple.com/US/app/first-aid-by-american-red-cross/id529160691?mt=8>

CDC RELEASES OLDER ADULT PREPAREDNESS PORTAL

CDC releases a cross-sector preparedness guide and Web portal designed to help states, communities, and partners plan for and protect vulnerable older adults in all hazards emergencies.

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to **370** 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*

SOCIAL MEDIA ONLINE CLASS

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is42.asp>

The purpose of this course is to provide the participants with best practices including tools, techniques and a basic roadmap to build capabilities in the use of social media technologies in their own emergency management organizations (State, local, Tribal) in order to further their emergency response missions.

TIP TRAINING

TIP training coming up August 9th - 18th at Santa Rosa Shores Baptist Church in Gulf Breeze. If it would be possible for you to announce that for us over the next 4 weeks in the Safer newsletter, that would be terrific. I have included an announcement below. Feel free to use that if you like, edit it as necessary, or only list the dates and website if you're pressed for space. Anything is appreciated :-)

BECOME A TIP VOLUNTEER!!

The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of NW Florida is a group of specially trained citizen volunteers who are called by emergency responders to provide immediate, on-scene emotional and organizational support to the victims of traumatic events. Interested in becoming a volunteer? Join us at Santa Rosa Shores Baptist Church in Gulf Breeze for an orientation August 9th at 6pm. There's no obligation, and we'd love to meet you and give you the opportunity to learn more about this wonderful organization. For more information, and/or to register, call 850-934-6654, and visit our website at www.tip-ser.org (click on the yellow star!) for the full training schedule. See you there!

RED CROSS TRAINING

American Red Cross, Serving People with Functional & Access Needs in Shelters (FANS) - web based course for shelter workers
<https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main>

Medical Preparedness & Response to Bombing Incidents

MGT-348 • Per-233

This course addresses medical preparedness for and response to blast effects through a combination of lectures, small group activities and tabletop participant exercises. Participants completing this course will gain an enhanced understanding and awareness of issues and considerations relating to bombing incidents.

Content areas include identification of targets, explosives characteristics, pre-attack indicators, pre- and post-detonation response, bombing injuries, security, and resource management. This course represents a cooperative effort between New Mexico Tech's Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center (NMT/EMRTC) and the Texas Engineering Extension Service's National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (TEEX/NERRTC), a member of The Texas A&M University System.

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

CEUs for Paramedics: 16



Marketing Brochure
V5 810.pdf

To Register Click on the Link below, change the date in the top left corner to November, and register for this course.

*****Click Here To Register*****

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: MULTIHAZARD PLANNING FOR CHILDCARE

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

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-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

Social media play growing role in spreading word of tragedy

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/story/2012-07-20/colorado-shooting-social-media/56370500/1>

FEMA CERT Liability Guide

http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/downloads/pdf/CERT_Liability_Guide.pdf

Emergency Management is Dead (as You Know It)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disasters20/emergency-management-is-dead-071612.html>

Extreme weather: Get ready to see more of it, scientists say

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/07/10/world/unusual-world-weather/index.html>

Five Innovative Uses of Social Media in Government

<http://www.govexec.com/reports/five-innovative-uses-social-media/56086/>

Why Aren't Americans Listening to Disaster Preparedness Messages?

http://www.rand.org/about/people/u/uscher-pines_lori.html

Social media rising to the top of places to go in natural disasters

<http://www.kplu.org/post/social-media-rising-top-places-go-natural-disasters>

Worried about the risks and dangers of social media? Take the Army's advice

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/crisis-comm/Worried-about-the-risks-071012.html>

Want to keep AC on? Bury power lines

http://www.cnn.com/2012/07/02/opinion/frum-buried-lines/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

Powerful storm exposes lack of disaster preparedness

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/powerful-storm-exposes-lack-of-disaster-preparedness/2012/07/02/gjQAxweEJW_story.html

Gadgets to help you survive a power outage

http://www.cnn.com/2012/07/02/tech/gaming-gadgets/power-outage-gadgets/index.html?hpt=hp_c1

Public Complacency toward Emergency Preparedness is Still a Problem, Survey Finds

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/public-complacency-toward-emergency-preparedness-is-still-a-problem-survey-finds/8f8a61283e68aa0ee22a1ecf06333b6a.html>

Cellphone Signals Can Find People Scattered by Disaster

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/environment/natural-disasters/cellphone-signals-can-find-people-scattered-by-disaster-9842813>

Florida Evacuates.com Website

<http://floridaevacuates.com/>

Seven unusual tips for hurricane preparedness

<http://www.jsonline.com/sponsoredarticles/easyliving/seven-unusual-tips-for-hurricane-preparedness8068000101-158103315.html>

CDC Releases Older Adult Preparedness Portal
http://www.cdc.gov/Features/EmergencyOlderAdults/?s_cid=ccu060412_006

10 Ways for Businesses to Be Hurricane Ready
<http://bclcl.uschamber.com/blog/2012-06-07/10-ways-businesses-be-hurricane-ready>

The Role of Business in Disaster Response Report
<http://bclcl.uschamber.com/document/role-business-disaster-response-report>

Of Hurricanes and Hashtags: Disaster Relief in the Social-Media Age
<http://www.nationaljournal.com/tech/of-hurricanes-and-hashtags-disaster-relief-in-the-social-media-age-20120603>

Small Businesses Fall Short on Disaster Preparedness
<http://www.businessnewsdaily.com/2621-small-businesses-natural-disasters.html>

Florida lacking in child care plans for disasters
<http://www.marcoislandflorida.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120603/WEATHER01/306030051/Florida-lacking-child-care-plans-disasters>

How to Make Cities More Resilient: A Handbook for Local Government Leaders
http://www.unisdr.org/files/26462_handbookfinalonlineversion.pdf

The Seven Rights of Hurricane Season Preparedness
<http://blog.fema.gov/2012/06/seven-rights-of-hurricane-season.html>

FEMA: Residents in Hurricane Prone Areas Should Have a Backup Tech Plan
<http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southeast/2012/06/04/207849.htm>

Hurricane forecasters lean on social media to spread the news
http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-05-28/news/os-facebook-twitter-hurricane-20120528_1_facebook-page-facebook-and-twitter-social-media

Business EOCs Improve Public-Private Relationships
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Business-EOCs-Improve-Public-Private-Relationships.html>

American Red Cross Social Engagement Handbook
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/92697012/Social-Engagement-Handbook-2-0>

How to start a business continuity program
<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2012/051712-how-to-start-a-business-259371.html?hpg1=bn>

Latest weapon in hurricane arsenal -- social media
http://www.sentinelandenterprise.com/local/ci_20591340/latest-weapon-hurricane-arsenal-social-media?source=rss

Breaking the Cycle of Reliance on Federal Help after Disasters
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Breaking-Reliance-Federal-Help-After-Disasters.html>

Survey Reveals Significant Gaps in Small Businesses' Disaster Preparedness
http://finance.yahoo.com/news/survey-reveals-significant-gaps-small-120000981.html;_ylt=A2KLOzKVbrRPmiAAZoTQtDMD

Industry Perspective: The Importance of Public-Private Partnerships

http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Industry-Perspective-Importance-Public-Private-Partnerships.html?goback=%2Egde_52824_member_113788413

Identifying Vulnerable Older Adults and Legal Options for Increasing Their Protection during All-Hazards Emergencies: A Cross-Sector Guide for States and Communities
http://www.cdc.gov/aging/emergency/planning_tools/guide.htm

Crisis Communication: Three factors that influence trust
<http://lucienanton.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/>

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>

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

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>

CDC, Disabilities: Emergency Preparedness Training
http://www.cdc.gov/Features/EmergencyPreparedness/?s_cid=tw_cdc1274

Disability Prepared, Best of the Best Practice Sites
<http://disabilityprepared.ku.edu/>

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>

WHO, Psychological First Aid: Guide for Field Workers
http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548205_eng.pdf