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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

INFORMATION

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

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

Please see the attached news release and promotional flyer regarding 50 open positions at a new retail store, dd's Discounts, in Pensacola. Feel free to disseminate this information as needed. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 850-607-8797. As always, we appreciate your support spreading the word throughout our community.



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FAITH BASED SEMINAR- FREE @ UWF -FEB 10 2012

Presentations to include:

- Panel discussion of faith-based organizations with established senior support programs in Northwest Florida.
- The role of faith-based organizations and disaster preparedness presented by BRACE (Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies)



2012 FAITH BASED
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PUBLIC ALERTS NOW ON GOOGLE MAPS

Today marks the launch of a new Google Crisis Response project: [Google Public Alerts](#), a platform designed to bring you relevant emergency alerts when and where you're searching for them. If a major weather event is headed for your area, you might go online to search for the information you need: What's happening? Where and when will it strike? How severe will it be? What resources are available to help?

The Google Crisis Response team works on providing critical emergency information during crises. Our goal is to surface emergency information through the online tools you use everyday, when that information is relevant and useful.

With today's launch of Public Alerts on Google Maps, relevant weather, public safety, and earthquake alerts from [US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#), [the National Weather Service](#), and the [US Geological Survey \(USGS\)](#) will be accessible when you search on [Google Maps](#). For instance, at the time of this post, "Flood Indiana" triggers an alert for a Flood Warning in Northern Indiana.

NAVARRE FUN FEST

The Chamber's 28th Annual **Fun Fest** will be held on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 on Navarre Beach. The two-day event includes live music, a 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run, arts & crafts, food and commercial displays, fireworks and lots of family fun! Additionally, the Miss Fun Fest Pageant will be held the preceeding weekend at Navarre High School.

Chamber members have the exclusive opportunity to participate in the event through sponsorships. A number of members have already committed to support this year's event, and they include:

- **Presenting Sponsor:** [Santa Rosa Medical Center](#)
- **Entertainment Sponsor:** Santa Rosa County Tourist Development Council (TDC)
- **Children's Area Sponsor** (one available): Gulf Power
- **Fireworks Sponsors** (more available): ResortQuest & Gulf Blue Vacations
- **5K Run Race Bib Sponsor:** Pen Air Federal Credit Union
- **5K Mile Marker Sponsor** (two available): All Phase Cleaning Service
- **Red Sponsor** (more available): Hampton Inn & Suites

Additional sponsorship categories with investments ranging from \$100 to \$2,500 are detailed in the 2012 Fun Fest Sponsorship Packet. **Click here** to download the Sponsorship Packet.

Click here to learn more about the 2012 Fun Fest and to download commercial/business, arts & crafts and food vendor applications.

Click here to learn more about the 2012 Miss Fun Fest Pageant and to download pageant rules and application. We appreciate your support of the Chamber and look forward to your involvement with this great community event!

Bill Arnett, President & CEO, Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce 850.939.3267

SRYP FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch sponsored by 102.7 WXBM

When: Thursday, February 9 (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Where: Ruby Tuesday, 4917 Highway 90, Pace

Please be sure to RSVP to **Jayer Williamson by the end of the day February 8 (Wednesday) to reserve your seat. Even if you are a "maybe," please RSVP so we have enough spaces at the table. You can RSVP by clicking "attending" on our Facebook page as well. Bring a guest!*

FEMA PREPAREDNESS MONTHLY CALL

The next **FEMA Preparedness monthly call** will be held **Tuesday, February 7th at 3:00 ET / Noon PT.**

We're continuing the year with a series of FEMA Preparedness Calls that will be geared toward the needs and interests of our state and local partners. The calls serve as a resource for you to hear about new developments at the local, state, and national level, share promising practices, discuss relevant topics, and ask questions directly to each other and FEMA officials.

Last month **nearly 300 state and local participants** logged in! We hope you'll continue to keep in close touch.

Topics for this month's call include:

- **Low Cost, Creative Options for Community Outreach** featuring Jodi Simpson of the St. Clair, Michigan Citizen Corps Council
- Showcasing the **White House Champions of Change** event that recently honored 17 individuals and organizations doing innovative work to prepare their communities.
- Messaging on Children and Burn Safety: **Safe Kids World Wide**
- Overview of **Free, Simple, and Effective Preparedness Activities**, FEMA Course, IS 909 Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone

NOTE: Before participating on the call, you must be registered. Click the following link to register: https://connect.hsin.gov/readymonthly/event/registration_login.html

This link is available anytime leading up to the webinar.

If you have previously registered with the HSIN Connect system, you can use your current login information to access the webinar. If you already have a login identification and password, log in to the webinar using this link: <https://connect.hsin.gov/readymonthly/event/login.html>.

If you have any questions regarding the call, please contact ready@fema.gov

COAWFLA LOAN CLOSET AVAILABILITIES

We currently have an abundance of Walkers and Bedside Commodes....and a variety of other assistive devices and needed items.

The COAWFLA loan closet is a no-fee loan closet that can provide assistive devices, nutritional supplements, incontinent supplies, blankets, heaters, fans, air conditioners, other....depending upon availability of donated items. The loan closet is available regardless of age or other restrictions of the person in need. Call our main office in Pensacola at 850-432-1475 or our Santa Rosa County Office in Bagdad at 850-983-4500 for more information.

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

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

Being diagnosed with hepatitis C creates many emotional and social challenges. It is especially complicated by the lack of comprehensive medical, mental health, and community support services. People with hepatitis C report spending countless hours trying to find a reliable support and information. Resources are few and often transient based on available funding. Judi, one of the 877-HELP-4-HEP counselors states, “People with hepatitis C just can’t seem to get the help they need. Sometimes, I’m the fourth or fifth person they have spoken to. As a peer counselor, I can share common experiences and talk about different coping strategies and resources. When I was diagnosed I had many of the concerns and questions that they are having and since then have spoken to people with similar experiences. I can really set their minds at ease with answers to their questions that contribute to a sense of well-being and hope.”

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

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

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

HURRICANE WEBINAR SERIES 2012

Hurricanes: Science and Society will be hosting a [webinar series](#) with some of the country's top hurricane scientists. The event is presented by The University of Rhode Island in partnership with the American Meteorological Society, Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence, and the National Hurricane Center.

- Basic Hurricane Science - February 28
- Hurricane Observation and Forecasting - March 13
- Hurricane Hazards and Impacts - April 24
- Hurricane History, Climate Change and Hurricanes - May 1
- Hurricane Preparedness - May 22

HOW MUCH OIL SPILLED INTO THE GULF? NEW NOAA-LED STUDY CONFIRMS INITIAL ESTIMATES

By combining detailed chemical measurements in the deep ocean, in the oil slick, and in the air, NOAA scientists and academic colleagues have independently estimated how fast gases and oil were leaking during the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Information about the fate of different components of the spilled gas and oil mixture could help resource managers understand environmental exposure levels.

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2012/20120109_dwhflowrate.html

The new chemistry-based spill rate estimate, an average of 11,130 tons of gas and oil compounds per day, is close to the official average leak rate estimate of about 11,350 tons per day (equal to about 59,200 barrels of liquid oil per day). The NOAA-led team did not rely on any of the data used in the original estimates, such as video flow analysis, pipe diameter and fluid flow calculations. [Read more](#) or [listen to a podcast](#) episode about the study.

ARE YOU READY TO BE AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR DURING A CRISIS?

Get Tips on Disaster Planning During Free SBA/Agility Webinar

Because it's easy for even the best leader to be overwhelmed when a crisis hits and misinformation shows up in a twitter feed, managing the flow of information about your company is crucial when an emergency occurs.

Get tips on how to plan a communications strategy that will eliminate confusion and support your recovery efforts during a free webinar on February 14, hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery Solutions.

The discussion will help you assess your company's needs, identify a good spokesperson and develop fact sheets and talking points.

SBA has partnered with Agility to offer business continuity strategies through its "PrepareMyBusiness" website. Visit www.preparemybusiness.org to access past webinars and get additional preparedness tips.

The SBA provides disaster recovery assistance in the form of low-interest loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofits and businesses of all sizes. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

WHO: Bob Boyd, President and CEO, Agility Recovery Solutions
WHAT: **"Crisis Communications Planning—The Keystone of Disaster Recovery Response"** will be presented by Boyd. A question and answer session will follow.
WHEN: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST
HOW: Space is limited. Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/421917136>

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PARTNERS IN PREPAREDNESS

As our audience continues to grow and new people join the Agility family, we found it appropriate to re-introduce our partnership with the [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#).

For those of you who don't know, two years ago Agility and the SBA came together and launched an educational program, offering free tools and resources to help small business owners plan for and recover from disasters.

Today, the program continues to evolve and grow, offering new [checklists](#) and [webinar](#) topics. The co-sponsored website, www.PrepareMyBusiness.org houses everything from real-world recovery stories to information on disaster assistance loans.

Share the www.PrepareMyBusiness.org link with other businesses, partners, suppliers, etc. and help spread the word.

ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY IN PREVENTING TERRORISM

Wednesday, February 15

2 p.m. ET (1:00 CT/Noon MT/11:00 PT)

Are you interested in learning how communities can work together to help prevent terrorism? If so, **registration is simple and FREE...**

If this is your first time registering for a webinar with the Webinar Series, register [HERE](#).

If you have previously registered or have a HSIN login, sign in [HERE](#).

Join us Wednesday, February 15 and learn about various strategies and resources your community can implement to prevent terrorism. Presenters will discuss how law enforcement agencies, community partners, and the general public can work together to foster a public that is more informed, aware, and ready to report suspicious activity related to terrorism.

Topics for discussion will center on:

- Two newly released publications by IACP and FEMA and their use as tools to build or sustain your community's efforts in identifying and reporting suspicious activities.
- How Neighborhood Watch groups are currently training their members to be the "eyes and ears" of the community in a nationwide effort to prevent terrorism.

Your presenters for this session include:

- Rosemary DeMenno and Jennifer Styles from the [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#)
- Robbi Woodson from the [National Sheriff's Association's USAonWatch/Neighborhood Watch program](#)
- Tom Crane, from the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

For more information or to view the recording of the presentation after the event, visit the [Community Preparedness Webinar Series](#) web page.

If you have any questions regarding this webinar, please contact citizencorps@dhs.gov.

FEMA PRIVATE SECTOR TIP OF THE WEEK 1/23/12:

Teachers: Add Student Tools for Emergency Management (STEP) preparedness materials to your school lesson plans. www.fema.gov/privatesector/step.shtm

SOCIAL CHANGE: A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR 2012

(NewsUSA) Walden University's recent Social Change Impact Report indicates the importance of social change and reveals that people are taking action now and will continue to do so in the future. The survey shows that more than nine in 10 Americans (92 percent) have taken action to engage in positive social change in the past year and that more than half of them are committed to engaging in future positive change as individuals acting on their own or in informal groups. The Social Change Impact Report also states that nearly nine in 10 adults in the U.S. (88 percent) believe the best way to have an impact on the world is to make change at the local level. At a time when many families and organizations are vulnerable, and fewer resources are available to support the socioeconomic challenges that exist, individuals now more than ever have the opportunity to make a difference in their communities and beyond.

Walden University offers five practical tips to encourage citizens to participate in 2012.

1. Think about what kind of positive social change you want to effect.
2. Assess what specific skills or expertise you can offer to help address a particular need.
3. Connect your passion and skills with your commitment to serve.
4. Research ways your workplace can get involved in the community.
5. Use a resource that can match you with an organization that needs your skills.

To see more details from the Social Change Impact Report, visit WaldenU.edu/impactreport

So the question is, how are YOU going to make a change? Have you considered volunteering at one of the many non profits doing great work in our community with dwindling resources? Have you considered volunteering with your church? Have you considered spreading the word about SAFER Santa Rosa so we can help people connect with places their skills can best be used?

TODAY! MITIGATION COURSE FREE!

Make Mitigation Happen!
A Program of Florida's Foundation and
the Florida Division of Emergency Management



Free Informative Meeting
Join Us and Win a Door Prize!
February 6 at Navarre, FL

Learning about wind mitigation could:

- ✦ **save you money on your home insurance.**
- ✦ **help you preserve your home and its contents when disaster strikes and possibly save your life.**

Come learn how the type of roof, windows and doors you have can be improved and translated into savings, peace of mind, and safety.



February 6, 2012
2:00—4:00 pm
Navarre Beach Area
Chamber of Commerce
8543 Navarre Parkway
Navarre, FL 32566

For More Information and to register online, visit
www.FloridasFoundation.org
Phone: 1-800-825-3786 - Fax: 850-488-0088

Please share this brochure and try to attend if you live near the coast where hurricane winds are highest.



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FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR ROLE IN SUPPORTING AN AGING POPULATION

The Center on Aging at the University of West Florida will present a workshop for ***Faith Based Organizations and their role in supporting an Aging Population***

Friday, February 10, 2012 in the UWF Conference Center

The morning event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Presentations will include:

- Panel discussion of faith-based organizations with established senior support programs in Northwest Florida.
- The role of faith based organizations and disaster preparedness from a BRACE perspective – Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies.
- Remarks from the Bureau Chief of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Larry Baxter.

Please RSVP to the Center on Aging at the University of West Florida if you plan to attend at coa@uwf.edu. If you have any questions please call Lyn Zittel at 850-474-3298.

Kim Robert Bryan UWF Center on Aging kbryan1@uwf.edu 850 474 3298

Building 41

11000 University Pkwy

Pensacola, Florida 32514

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to 322 people! Invite friends. ***Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.***



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) that are free and open to the public, with the understanding that the user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer

LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

SKYWARN TRAINING

The Navarre CERT Amateur Radio Club will be hosting an "Advanced Skywarn" training class on March 2, 2012, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Jeff Garmon, NOAA Meteorologist from the National

Weather Service office in Mobile will be providing the training. This class is for those who have previously had the basic course within the past year.

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

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

HAZWOPER

Please find attached the offering for 8 Hour HAZWOPER Refresher and 40 Hour HAZWOPER Classes. Please pass it on to those that may need one of the classes.

DATES: February 24, 2012 for 8 hr refresher and March 2-4, 2012 for 40 hr course.

**LOCATION: STATION #1, PACE FIRE DEPARTMENT
4773 PACE PATRIOT BLVD.
PACE, FLORIDA 32571**



HSEEP HOMELAND SECURITY EXERCISE AND EVALUATION PROGRAM TRAINING COURSE

L-146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized methodology and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. Class activities include creating exercise documentation, conducting exercise planning conferences and briefings, and practicing exercise evaluation.

Individuals involved in exercise design, development, conduct, control, evaluation, and improvement planning are encouraged to attend. HSEEP is an interactive, 24-hour long course that allows participants to share personal lessons learned while gaining practical experience. Certificates are now being issued by the FEMA Emergency Management Institute. Individuals that have previously taken HSEEP more than three years ago are also recommended to attend.

Required Prerequisites: HSEEP is an intermediate-level course and participants should come with a basic understanding of exercise design and HSEEP terminology. Participants are required to complete Independent Study (IS)-120a, An Introduction to Exercises. This online course should take approximately 2 hours to complete and can be found at <https://hseep.dhs.gov>.

Location Santa Rosa County Emergency Operations Center
4499 Pine Forest Road Milton FL

Date/Time Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 0830 am - Friday, February 17 at 0430 pm

Please register online at: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp>

LEGAL ISSUES AND DISASTERS: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW FEMA COURSE MGT – 366

When; Thursday March 8, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST

Where: Escambia County Emergency Management
6575 North "W" Street Pensacola, FL 32505.

This course is a survey of selected legal issues that typically arise during emergencies. The goal of the course is to enhance the ability of state, territorial, tribal and local governments, emergency managers and planners, first responders, and VOADs to identify potential legal issues that can arise during a disaster so that necessary adjustments to planning, policies or procedures can be developed prior to a disaster. The instructor-led, 8-hour course is divided into five modules; planning, evacuation, shelters, out-of-state volunteers, and federal financial assistance & reimbursement. At the end of the course, participants will be able to identify the most common legal issues associated with these issues and understand general procedures to avoid the associated liability. Register at link below.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5ipexlg6354caf7&llr=h6jwpoaab>

EH PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY TRAINING

A series highlighting the key environmental health issues and challenges for emergency response

The Florida Department of Health's Division of Environmental Health in partnership with the Bureau of Preparedness and Response is excited to announce the upcoming WebEx training series "*EH Preparedness and Recovery Training - A Series Highlighting The Key Environmental Health Issues And Challenges For Emergency Response*". The training series will be offered in seven parts, described in detail in the attached flyer. You can participate in one or all of the modules, whatever interests you. This series is available via WebEx. It is not available via satellite broadcast. An announcement for each module will be sent when its registration is open. **Part 2 of our training series is coming up on Monday, February 13, 2012!**

A SEVEN-PART TRAINING SERIES

What: *EH Preparedness and Recovery Training - A Series Highlighting The Key Environmental Health Issues And Challenges For Emergency Response*
Module 2 – Florida Fusion Center, CyberSpace: the Online Frontier and Public Health HVA Map Service Update

When: Monday, February 13, 2012 0930 - 1130 ET

Where: WebEx Web Conference – For DOH staff, viewing information is available in Trak-it after registration. External partners viewing information will be emailed to those who register.

CCOC Employees: Building 4042 room 301

Registration: DOH employees please register in Trak-It: <http://learning.flphntn.com/>
Course Title: **EH Preparedness & Recovery Webinar- Module 2**
Note: Go to course finder and type "EH Preparedness". To get the WebEx information out of Trak-It, you must take the pre-test. Once the course is over, you have 2 weeks to go back into Trak-It and take the post-test to get credit for the course. Trak-It will allow you print out proof of completion.

Partner agencies register here and receive webex link and phone info:
<http://survey.doh.state.fl.us/survey/entry.jsp?id=1194462350532>

CEUs: 1.5 credit hours available for EH and lab professionals

***We are limited to 200 WebEx connections. Participation is first come, first serve.**

Registrants are encouraged to utilize one connection line if practical (e.g., if attendees are from the same physical office area).

Upcoming Modules:

Part 2 – Florida Fusion Center and Public Health HVA Map Service

February, 13, 2012 0930 - 1100 (ET)

Part 3 - Shock in Springfield A Food and Waterborne Scenario

March 13, 2012 0930 - 1100 (ET)

Part 4 –Children’s Preparedness and Community Resilience Systems

April 10, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

Part 5 – CBRNE Epidemiology and Surveillance

May 16, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

Part 6 – Environmental and Hazmat Response in a Chemical Incident

June 13, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

Part 7 – Arbovirus Surveillance and Summer Hazards

July 18, 2012 0930 – 1100 (ET)

INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE MITIGATION PLANNING FOR LOCAL AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

In December 2011, an updated independent study course was released to support local and tribal mitigation planning. [IS-318, Mitigation Planning for Local and Tribal Communities](#), is a course offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The goals of this course are to:

- Assist participants in undertaking the hazard mitigation plan development process. This plan will meet the needs of your community and fulfill the requirements for local plans, as described in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §201.6, or for Tribal plans, as described in 44 CFR §201.7.
- Help federal and state plan reviewers interpret the regulations to inform the review of local or Tribal hazard mitigation plans.

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

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

Course Description

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

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

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

Course Objectives

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

- Identify the definition of preparedness.
- Describe the role of individuals and households in preparedness.
- Identify community preparedness principles.
- Describe the purpose of community-based preparedness activities.
- Identify the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program.
- Identify resources for supporting community-based preparedness programs.

Primary Audience

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

IS-660 - INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

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

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

Bus-Size Asteroid Buzzes Earth in Close Flyby

<http://news.discovery.com/space/asteroid-pass-by-earth-120127.html>

How climate change, urbanisation are changing disaster

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

What if we could predict tornadoes a month out? Scientists make strides

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2012/0127/What-if-we-could-predict-tornadoes-a-month-out-Scientists-make-strides>

HHS issues medical surge guidance for healthcare systems

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/bt/bioprep/news/jan2512prepared.html>

Could you survive an extreme weather disaster?

http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/27/us/extreme-weather-prepare-for-worst/index.html?hpt=hp_bn1

United Nations, Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future worth Choosing Report

http://www.un.org/gsp/sites/default/files/attachments/GSPReport_unformatted_30Jan.pdf

New National Weather Service Preview Website

<http://preview.weather.gov/>

An Emergency Network for Natural Disasters

<http://newswire.uark.edu/article.aspx?id=17629>

Skype's Disaster Response Platform

<http://blogs.technet.com/b/microsoftupblog/archive/2012/01/25/skype-s-disaster-response-platform.aspx>

America's Crumbling Infrastructure Will Challenge Emergency Managers For Decades

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Crumbling-Infrastructure-Challenge-Emergency-Managers.html>

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

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

How Recovery Is Ingrained in Waffle House's Culture

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/How-Recovery-Is-Ingrained-in-Waffle-Houses-Culture.html>

Tax relief possible for losses in natural disasters

<http://www.usatoday.com/money/perfi/taxes/story/2012-01-21/taxes-disaster-relief/52700894/1>

Subculture of Americans prepares for civilization's collapse

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/21/us-usa-civilization-collapse-idUSTRE80K0LA20120121>

2011's Weather Is a Precursor of Things to Come, says NOAA Assistant Administrator
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/2011-Precursor-NOAA-Assistant-Administrator.html>

Global Risks in 2012
<https://www.hsd.org/hslog/?q=node%2F6627>

FEMA Blog, White House Honors Champions of Change in Emergency Preparedness
<http://blog.fema.gov/2012/01/white-house-honors-champions-of-change.html>

National Disaster Recovery Framework
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/recoveryframework/ndrf.pdf>

New CERT Training Tools Webinar Transcript
<http://www.citizencorps.gov/news/webcasts.shtm>

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