



**SAFER Santa Rosa** County is a humanitarian association of independent organizations who may be active in all phases of disaster. Its mission is to foster efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disasters, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

**SAFER Santa Rosa** is not a competing or exclusionary organization. **SAFER Santa Rosa** is intended to be a network for organizations active in disaster. Each **SAFER** member organization will maintain its own identity and independence while closely collaborating with other **SAFER Santa Rosa** member organizations.

COAD - Community Organizations Active in Disasters

During periods when there are no disasters, SAFER attempts to meet the needs of the less fortunate in the community. Some examples of this are SAFERs response to Tri County and Family Resources being burned out in the Milton Fire. One SAFER member organization offered to refill the food pantry, and others donated furniture so these organizations could get back operational.

SAFER members support the Ferris Hill Baptist Church cold weather shelter (as do non members).

SAFER held a drive in April to raise donations of items and was able to make 22 disaster kits for the homebound in the county.

A SAFER member donated a storage space for the organization which is used to store cloths and other goods for local non profits.

SAFER contributed to the Honor Flight providing hand sanitizer, wipes and water. (Honor Flight is an organization that takes WWII veterans to D.C to see the WWII memorials)

SAFER donated similar items for the VA stand down. (VA Stand down is an annual program supporting homeless or near homeless veterans)

SAFER members donate food to distribution sites.

SAFER members have the opportunity to network with other organizations that have similar goals. The organization facilitates the sharing of information and resources between members.

SAFER has a web page <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/coad/index.html> for members

Currently SAFER membership is free. There is a slight possibility that a small annual donation (\$10-\$25) will be requested in the future to support the non profit and faith-based initiatives offered by members, and to cover the cost of the annual membership luncheon meeting.