

# DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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## Training Schedule:

For the location and to register please call the Disaster Services Office Voice Mail.

### Bristol

Mar 9 6pm MC  
Mar 16 6pm SO

### Quincy

Mar 7 6pm MC  
Mar 14 6pm SO  
Mar 21 6pm DA I

### Tallahassee

Mar 7 6pm MC  
Mar 8 6pm SO  
Mar 9 9am DA I  
Mar 9 1pm Haz Mat I  
Mar 9 6pm LOG  
Mar 11 9am SDC  
Mar 14 6pm INTRO  
Mar 15 6pm DHS  
Mar 16 6pm SO  
Mar 18 9am PA I  
Mar 21 6pm INTRO  
Mar 21&22 6pm LA I  
Mar 22 6pm MC  
Mar 23 9am Haz Mat I

INTRO - Introduction to Disaster Services

SO - Shelter Operations

PA - Public Affairs

LA I - Liaison I

MC - Mass Care: An Overview

DHS - Disaster Health Services

EA I - Emergency Assistance to Families I

LOG - Logistics: An Overview

Haz Mat I - Hazardous Materials I

*If you are a State of Florida, City of Tallahassee or Leon County employee, you can receive 15 days of paid Disaster Leave to volunteer for the American Red Cross.*

## ERV Au GoGo

On Jan 10 ERV # 1074 along with Randy Barkley and Beverly Stright, provided mass care support to the Capital Police providing security at the State Capitol during the "One Florida" hearing.

## DAT Casework Praised

Disaster Services Associate Alma Walker praised the Disaster Action Teams for their outstanding casework during Jan.

Walker said "Only two cases of the 17 processed had even the most minor of corrections to be made."

## DAT Data

The Disaster Action Teams responded to 17 home fires and provided \$7,160 in financial assistance to 67 victims during Jan.

## Volunteer Data

During Jan 176 Disaster Services Volunteers logged in 4,031 hours of service.

## SDC

Mary Lee Hill will facilitate the Serving the Diverse Community course on Mar 11 at 9am at the Chapter House. To register please call the Disaster Services Voice Mail at 894-6741.

## DSHR Profiles

Disaster Services Associate Faye Rioux asks that all DSHR Staff Members please return their DSHR profiles as soon as possible.

## Health Services Course

Disaster Health Services Officers Skeeter and Lou Prather have begun offering the new "Disaster Health Services: An Overview" course. This course replaces the old Disaster Health Services I course.

## DRN Activities

The latest neighborhoods to join the Disaster Resistant Neighborhood (DRN) program are: Centerville Trace, Meeting Street, Bond Westside and Bayhead Mobile Home Park.

For your neighborhood to become part of this program please call Gary Botts our Disaster Resistant Neighborhood Coordinator at 878-6080.

## SW Georgia Tornadoes

Fourteen Disaster Services Volunteers along with ERV # 1074 and II and the MOCO responded to assist the victims of the tornadoes in southwest Georgia. Thanks for a job well done.

## TCC Blitz

The Disaster Services Office will be conducting a Disaster Services Training Blitz on Mar 21 through 26 aimed at recruiting and training faculty and students at Tallahassee Community College.

## Fire in Jefferson County

Randy Barkley, Van Jones and ERV # 1074 responded to a large mulch fire at the Bio-Tech Power Generation Plant in the community of Drifton.

## Habitat and the Red Cross

As part of the Statement of Understanding with Tallahassee Habitat for Humanity Gene and Bonnye Hawkins took ERV II to the site of a Habitat for Humanity home building project to provide breakfast and lunch to 89 volunteers working on a new (Disaster Resistant) home in the Macon Community.

## "The Notagain's" CD

As part of the Statewide School Tornado Drill the Disaster Services Office coordinated with Bond Elementary School's Computer Lab to launch the school based preparedness and response interactive CD "The Notagain's".

Developed by the American Red Cross the CD features the Notagain family which has been uprooted by disaster after disaster and now is ready for any disaster. The students learn what to do in various potentially disastrous situations.

Over the next few months "The Notagain's" CD will be distributed to all of the elementary schools in the eight counties served by the chapter.

## New Youth Team

The Disaster Services Office is recruiting young volunteers to become part of the Youth Disaster Action Team (YDAT).

The team will consist of teenagers 13 through 18. All persons interested in YDAT should call the Disaster Services Office.

### **Disaster Services Meeting**

The next Disaster Services Meeting will be held Apr 17 at 6:30PM at the Chapter House in Tallahassee. All Disaster Services Volunteers are asked to attend.

At the April meeting we will have a presentation on FEMA's Individual Family Grants (IFG) program. The IFG program is similar to the American Red Cross Family Services Function.