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Training Schedule:

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

Monticello

Jul 11 6pm	INTRO
Jul 18 6pm	SO
Jul 25 6pm	MC
Aug 1 6pm	LOG

Tallahassee

Jun 26 6pm	INTRO
Jun 28 6pm	SO
Jun 29 6pm	MC
Jul 1 9am	PA I
Jul 5&6 6pm	EA I
Jul 8 9am	LDV
Jul 11 6pm	Haz-Mat I
Jul 12 6pm	LOG
Jul 13 9am	DHS II
Jul 13 6pm	INTRO
Jul 18 6pm	SO
Jul 19 6pm	DHS I
Jul 20 6pm	MC
Jul 22 9am	EA I
Jul 24 6pm	INTRO
Jul 26 6pm	DWI
Jul 27 9am	LOG

INTRO - Introduction to Disaster Services

DA - Damage Assessment

SO - Shelter Operations

SS - Shelter Simulation

MC - Mass Care: An Overview

DHS - Disaster Health Services

EA - Emergency Assistance to Families

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.

Florida Wildfires

From Jan 1 to Jun 12 there have been 3,807 wildfires in Florida that have burned over 136,912 acres.

DSHR Promotions

Christell Woodford has been promoted to a Specialist in the Family Services function.

George Baragona has been promoted to a Specialist in the Government Liaison function.

Frances Johnson has been promoted to a Specialist in the Family Services function.

New Mexico Wildfires

Frances Johnson was assigned to the New Mexico Wildfires as a Family Services Specialist.

Marlene Brudnell also went to the New Mexico Wildfires. She served in the Disaster Health Services function.

DAT Data

The Disaster Action Teams responded to 13 single family fires in Mar and provided \$9,943 in financial assistance to 59 victims.

Comfort Kits

Students of Griffin Middle School in Leon County prepared 75 Comfort Kits for the victims of single family fires.

Volunteer Hours

In Mar 176 Disaster Services Volunteers logged 5,156 hours of service.

Public Affairs I

The Public Affairs I course will be held in Tallahassee on Jul 1. Call the Disaster Services Office to register.

Brownie Scouts Help Out

Heidi Otway, the Brownie Scout Troop Leader for Troop 404, along with 10 Brownie Scouts, prepared 300 Disaster Resistant Neighborhood bags on May 20 to be used as part of the Disaster Resistant Neighborhood program.

ARC and FAMU

The Disaster Services Office and the FAMU Department of Community Activities have teamed up to recruit FAMU staff, faculty and students to take Disaster Services courses. A Disaster Services Training Blitz is being planned for the FAMU campus.

Ralph Coleman, Director for the FAMU Department of Community Activities will become a member of the LDV team to coordinate volunteers from FAMU during disasters.

Fire House Activity Report

From Jan 18 to May 17 4,812 children were trained in fire safety and prevention activities in one of the two Fire Houses.

MOCO Schedule

The MOCO will be in Havana on Jul 18, in Greenville on Aug 8 and in Madison on Aug 29.

MOCO Activity Report

From Jan 17 to May 16 3,759 children from elementary schools in Liberty, Taylor and Gadsden Counties received disaster preparedness training delivered by Georgia Sullivan our Community Disaster Education Coordinator working off of the MOCO.

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Assist your neighborhood in becoming the next Disaster Resistant Neighborhood. Call the Disaster Services Office today.

New Storm Predictions

Colorado State University researcher Dr William Gray predicts that the 2000 hurricane season will see 12 named storms, eight of which will become hurricanes and four will be major storms with winds of 111 mph or greater.

The average season has 9.3 storms, 5.8 hurricanes, and 2.2 major hurricanes.

Apartment Disaster

Five Disaster Services Volunteers were assigned to the apartment building collapse disaster in Lauderdale Lakes (Broward County) where 400 units had to be vacated.

Assigned were Marlene Wimberly, Zilpah Boyd, Mary Prather, Gary Strobel and Barbara Leslie.

More Comfort Kits

The youth group of the Saint Mary's Presbyterian Church completed 30 Comfort Kits for victims of single family fires.

If your church or youth group would like to like to prepare Comfort Kits to be used by the Disaster Action Teams please contact the Disaster Services Office.

The 2000 Hurricane Season has begun. As an American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer it is very important that you stay prepared to respond if the Capital Area is threatened. When the area is threatened please report to or call the Chapter EOC. DO NOT wait to be called.