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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

Quincy

Jul 13 6pm INTRO

Jul 20 6pm SO

Jul 27 6pm MC

Tallahassee

Jul 11 6pm HazMat 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 9 am EA I

Jul 24 6pm INTRO

Jul 26 6pm DWI

Jul 27 9am LOG

Jul 27 1pm HazMat I

Jul 27 6pm DA I

Jul 29 9am ERV

INTRO - Introduction to Disaster Services

DA - Damage Assessment

SO - Shelter Operations

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.

Hurricane Watch Training

Faye Rioux, George Baragona and Chris Floyd attended training in Orlando on the operation of the American Red Cross Hurricane Watch.

Hurricane Conference

Randy Barkley, Gary Botts and Chris Floyd attended the 2000 Governor's Hurricane Conference in Tampa.

While at the conference they set up and manned a Disaster Resistant Neighborhood display and distributed Disaster Resistant Neighborhood ponchos to 700 conference participants.

Annual Press Conference

On Jun 1 the Disaster Services Office conducted its Seventh Annual Beginning of Hurricane Season Press Conference.

The attendees included County Emergency Managers Richard Smith, Roy Woods, Joe Blanchard and Jimmy DeVane; Marty Bishop with the City of Tallahassee Emergency Management; Tom Quillin Chief of the Tallahassee Fire Department; Bob Goree with the Tallahassee Weather Service; Jane Sauls Chairman of the Leon County Commission and Janegale Boyd State House of Representatives member.

The Hurricane Season Countdown sign was changed to "O" to mark the beginning of the season.

Florida Wildfires

From Jan 1 to Jun 26 there have been 4,378 wildfires in Florida that have burned 151,618 acres.

MOCO Schedule

The MOCO will be in Havana July 18, in Greenville August 8 and in Madison on August 29.

Hurricane Drawing

For the third year, the Disaster Services Office and NBC News 40 teamed up to give a Home Hurricane Protection Package to one lucky family who lives in the Capital Area Chapter.

This year, 3,794 people registered for the drawing via fax or e-mail and this year's winner was Melissa Blair from Tallahassee.

Madison/Taylor Wildfire

ERV # 1074 along with Tim and Betty Fararra and Bonnie and Gene Hawkins responded to a wild fire on the Madison/Taylor County line on Jun 16 & 17. While on the scene they provided mass care support to emergency workers and firefighters.

YDAT Trip

On Jun 26 under the coordination of Youth Disaster Action Team (YDAT) Advisor Robby Powers, 17 members of the YDAT visited the Leon County Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

While there they were given instruction on how the EOC works.

TV Liaisons

Disaster Services Volunteers Dudley Griner and Melanie Myer will serve "Disaster Services TV Station Liaisons" during this years Hurricane Season. The Liaisons will serve to update TV news departments and the public as to disaster response activities.

DAT Data

Disaster Action Teams responded to 17 Single Family Fires in Apr and provided 52 victims with \$6,625 in financial assistance.

In May, they responded to 5 Single Family Fires and provided 22 victims with \$1,955 in financial assistance.

Volunteer Hours

In Apr 197 volunteers logged in 5,851 hours of service.

In May 219 volunteers logged in 6,110 hours of service.

Food Preparation Course

Audrey Evans and Randy Barkley participated in a 3 day American Red Cross Food Preparation course in Greenville SC.

DRN

There are now 86 neighborhoods throughout Florida that have participated in the Disaster Resistant Neighborhood program. This represents 31,395 residences that are better prepared for the next disaster.

Disaster Services Meeting

The next Disaster Services Meeting will be Jul 17 at 6:45 at Governor's Square Theater in Tallahassee. We will be viewing the movie "The Perfect Storm" free of charge.

The 2000 Hurricane Season is here. 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.