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Training Schedule:

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

Tallahassee

Jan 9 6pm	DA
Jan 10 6pm	DAT
Jan 11 6pm	INTRO
Jan 12 9am	HRID
Jan 12 9am	SO
Jan 12 1pm	SS
Jan 16 & 17 6pm	EOC
Jan 19 9am	LOG
Jan 23 6pm	DHS I
Jan 24 & 25 6pm	DHS II
Jan 26 9am	ERV
Jan 28 8:30am	EMPW
Jan 30 & 31 6pm	R&R
Feb 2 9am	INTRO

Carrabelle

Jan 10 6m	INTRO
Jan 12 9am	DA
Jan 17 6pm	MC
Jan 24 6pm	LOG
Jan 26 9am	FS
Jan 31 6pm	SO

DA - Damage Assessment
DHS - Disaster Health Services
FS - Family Services: Providing
Emergency Assistance
EOC - Emergency Operations
Center
INTRO - Introduction to Disaster
Services
LOG - Logistics
MC - Mass Care
SO - Shelter Operations
SS - Shelter Stimulation

If you are a State of Florida or Leon County employee, you can receive 15 days of paid disaster leave to volunteer for the Red Cross in time of a disaster.

New Years Day Disaster

The Disaster Services Office sent ERV # 1074 to the fire at the Bradfordville Hunt Club on New Year's Day.

Canteen service was provided on the scene to firefighters and other emergency workers.

ERV # 1074 was staffed by Gary Botts and Jackie Ricker.

DAT Data

During Sep our Disaster Action Teams responded to 12 home fires and provided \$5,850 in financial assistance to 36 victims.

During Oct our Disaster Action Teams responded to 51 home fires and provided \$5,845 in financial assistance to 74 victims.

Volunteer Hours

During Sep 317 Disaster Services Volunteers logged in 21,533 hours of volunteer service.

During Oct 176 Disaster Services Volunteers logged 4,317 hours of volunteer service.

Comfort Kits

Comfort Kits were assembled and donated by the Gadsden County 4-H program to be used by Disaster Action Teams when responding to home fires and other disasters.

WMD Training

Gary Botts completed the US Dept of Justice Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts course on Nov 26 & 27.

Leadership Meeting

The Disaster Services Leadership Planning meeting will be held on Feb 2 and not the date that was previously reported in issue # 125 of the Disaster Services Bulletin. It will be held at the Chapter House from 9:00am to 4pm.

New HRID Course

The Local Disaster Volunteers I course has been updated. The new Human Resources in Disaster (HRID) course will be introduced in January. All Disaster Services Volunteers should plan to take this new course.

IGA Fire

Assistant Emergency Services Director Gary Botts along with Disaster Services Volunteer Gathana Parmenas spent 12 hours in ERV # 1074 providing canteen service to the firefighters and emergency workers at the IGA fire in Carrabelle.

Annual Hurricane Cookout

The annual End of Hurricane Season Cookout was held on Dec 8 at the Chapter House in Tallahassee. 127 Disaster Services Volunteers and their families participated in the event. Coordinators of this years cookout included Nelson Harbin, Gary Botts, Faye Rioux and Charlene Doud.

Bay Disaster

Appalachicola Bay was closed to seafood gathering for over eight weeks due to the Red Tide outbreak.

On Nov 29 116 families were provided assistance by the Capital Area Chapter at the Disaster Recovery Center established at the Franklin County Court House in Apalachicola.

On Dec 1 & 2 the chapter's Mobile Kitchen was deployed to Eastpoint where 27 Disaster Services Volunteers prepared and served 1,000 meals. The Florida Baptist Association provided \$1,500 to help with the purchase of food.

Comfort Kits Needed

As a result of the Red Tide Disaster, 627 Comfort Kits were given out to all those who were affected.

More Comfort Kits are needed!

If your church, school or organization want to make Comfort Kits, please contact the Disaster Services Office.

Chapter Wins an Award

On Dec 7 the Taylor County Volunteer Fire Department presented the chapter's Disaster Services Office with their "volunteer organization of the year award" in recognition of the support they have received in responding to home fires and wildfires.

Disaster Services Meeting

The next Disaster Services Meeting will be on Jan 21 at 6:30 pm at the Chapter House.

The Jewel of Arkansas

Chris Floyd spent 3 days in early Dec at the new Clara Barton Center for Domestic Preparedness in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The new American Red Cross center is designed to provide training on how to prepare for and respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction and/or Terrorism.