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Training Schedule:

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

Perry

Jan 16 6pm	INTRO
Jan 30 6pm	MC
Feb 15 9am	SO
Feb 15 1pm	SS

Monticello

Jan 14 6pm	INTRO
Feb 4 6pm	MC
Feb 11 6pm	LOG

Tallahassee

Jan 8 6pm	INTRO
Jan 9 6pm	DA
Jan 11 9am	PA
Jan 14-16 8am	CERT
Jan 18 9am	FS
Jan 22 6pm	MC
Jan 22 6pm	ARTC
Jan 23 6pm	SO
Jan 23 6pm	DMHS
Jan 25 9am	LOG
Jan 25 1pm	LS

DA - Damage Assessment
DHS - Disaster Health Services
FS - Family Services: Providing
Emergency Assistance
EOC - Emergency Operations
Center

HRID - Human Resources In Disaster
INTRO - Introduction to Disaster
Services

LOG - Logistics: An Overview
MC - Mass Care: An Overview
MCD - Mass Casualty Disaster
SO - Shelter Operations
SS - Shelter Stimulation

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

El Nino Is Coming

A moderate strength El Nino is under way in the Pacific Ocean. This can set the stage for cold and wet weather in the eastern states, including Florida.

El Nino affects the weather in the US by shifting the jet stream and storm track southward toward the southern tier of states.

Shanks JROTC SOU

The James A Shanks High School JROTC in Quincy has signed a Statement of Understanding with the Capital Area Chapter to help in disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

ARES Training

In partnership with the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), the Disaster Services Office will be facilitating training that will last eight nights over eight (8) weeks. It will begin on Jan 22 at 6pm at the Chapter House.

To register, please call the Disaster Services Voice Mail.

CERT Training

On Jan 14 thru 16, the Disaster Services Office will be offering the Community Emergency Response Team "Train the Trainer" course.

The CERT program is to provide training to individuals and families throughout neighborhoods so they can be better prepared to take care of themselves after a disaster.

To attend, please call Tom Magnuson at the Disaster Services Office.

House Burns Twice

On Dec 3 at 4:20am ERV # 1074 responded to a commercial fire. It was in an abandoned fraternity house that burned previously last May.

The building was totally engulfed in fire by the time ERV # 1074 arrived.

Because the fire was next to a student apartment complex, the complex was evacuated. The American Red Cross established a shelter for the evacuees in the Diffenbaugh Building on the FSU campus. Fourteen pajama-clad evacuees were housed in the shelter until they could return to their undamaged apartments.

Disaster Services Volunteers provided Mass Care to fire fighters, emergency workers and evacuees. They also provided Shelter Care.

The volunteers included Bob Petersen, Faye Rioux, Zilpah Boyd, Gary Botts, Sheila Kosier, Jean McCarther, Nancy Schildt, Tom Magnuson, Marical Arnold, Jane Cox and David Perryman.

As a new partner in disaster response, volunteers from the Big Bend Disaster Animal Response Team were activated to take care of several animals that belonged to the students evacuated from the apartment complex.

DAT Data

In Nov the Disaster Action Teams responded to 14 home fires and provided \$5,909 in financial assistance to 49 victims

Facing Fear

On Dec 17, the Disaster Services Office launched the "Facing Fear" school disaster preparedness curriculum into the Leon County School System. This program will help children cope with future disasters.

Volunteer Hours

In Nov 169 Disaster Services Volunteers logged in 4,871 hours of service.

Smallpox

Although the last case of smallpox in the US was in 1977, the Homeland Security Office believes that terrorists or governments hostile to the United States might have the smallpox virus and use it as a biological weapon.

Smallpox can cause a severe rash, high fever, tiredness, severe headaches and backache, blindness and even death.

Getting the smallpox vaccine before exposure will protect most people from smallpox.

People at risk of exposure to smallpox virus include medical, law enforcement, emergency responders and military personnel.

Stay current on this topic by checking our web site.

EHSC

73 Disaster Services Volunteers and their families attended the 2002 End of Hurricane Season Cookout held at the Chapter House.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year