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Training Schedule:

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

Perry

May 31 9am PA

Tallahassee

May 31 9am SO
May 31 1pm SS
Jun 4 & 5 6pm FS
Jun 7 9am MC
Jun 11 6pm INTRO
Jun 12 6pm DA
Jun 14 9am ERV
Jun 18 6pm HRID
Jun 19 6pm SO
Jun 24 6pm DSCS
Jun 25 6pm LOG
Jun 26 6pm FWBI
Jun 28 9am LIA
Jun 28 9am EOC

DA - Damage Assessment

DHS - Disaster Health Services

FS - Family Services: Providing
Emergency Assistance

EOC - Emergency Operations
Center

FWBI - Family Well-Being Inquiry

HRID - Human Resources

INTRO - Introduction to Disaster
Services

LOG - Logistics

MC - Mass Care

MCD - Mass Casualty Disaster

SO - Shelter Operations

SS - Shelter Stimulation

DSCS - Disaster Spiritual Care
Services

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.

It Started Early

The first Tropical Storm of the new season was Ana on Apr 20. It started SSW of Bermuda and ended Apr 23 WSW of the Azores.

New Tropical Storm Names

Include Bill, Claudette, Danny, Erika, Fabian, Grace, Henri, Isabel, Juan, Kate Larry, and Mindy.

Tornadoes and Floods

Disaster Services Volunteers on assignment: Polly Williams went to Missouri, Randy Barkley and Carrie Norton went to Tennessee, Frank and Charlene Doud went to Alabama, and Jeri Bush, Sandy Davis, Hazel Baptiste and Gathana Parmenas went to Oklahoma.

AmeriCorps Team

A second AmeriCorps NCCC Team spent eight days installing shutters on 11 low-income owner occupied homes in Frenchtown as part of the chapter's Disaster Mitigation program.

Grants

The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management awarded two disaster preparedness grants to the chapter. The first was for \$17,508 to enhance the Capital City Citizen Corps initiative, while the second was for \$24,000 to build neighborhood Community Emergency Response Teams.

DAT Data

During the month of Mar our DATs responded to 12 home fires and provided \$3,635 in financial assistance to 35 victims.

Spiritual Care

Two Disaster Spiritual Care Services Workshops have been scheduled for June (Perry) and August (Tallahassee).

These three-hour workshops are designed to provide spiritual disaster response training to individuals representing all religious faiths.

New CERT Training

The first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will take place on Jun 21 and 28. It will provide participants with the ability to develop disaster response teams within their neighborhoods.

Flu Pandemic Held

On Apr 25, Chris Floyd and Sheila Kosier facilitated an Influenza Pandemic Tabletop Exercise for the management staff of the Leon County Health Department. During the three-hour exercise participants had the opportunity to play out their roles as it may pertain in an epidemiological disaster.

Smallpox Vaccine Must Do

On Jun 5 at 6pm the Disaster Services Office will be conducting a Smallpox Vaccine Workshop in cooperation with the Leon County Health Department.

Disaster Services Volunteers are eligible to receive smallpox vaccinations only if they participated in this workshop.

To register for the workshop, call the Voice Mail at 894-6741.

Youth Disaster College

Young men and women ages 14 through 18 can go free to a five-day "Capital Area Youth Disaster College" in late Jul.

Field trips will take them to visit the Hazardous Materials Team, Emergency Operations Center, Wildfire Response Team, and the National Weather Service.

Classroom activities will include disaster services courses.

Tell all the teenagers you know about this camp. Registration can be done on our web site.

Volunteer Hours Donated

During the month of Mar 209 Disaster Services Volunteers logged in 9,461 hours of service.

New DSHR Members

Susan Mason MC/T & FS/T and Clara Georgieff MC/T & FS/T.

Promotion

Ann Causseaux has been promoted to a Training Specialist in the DSHR.

Family Services Course

Participating in the Family Services Supervision course on Apr 26 & 27 were Faye Rioux, Judy Botts, Marcia Arnold, Hannie Tterlikkis, Carrie Norton and Maryann Henderson.

Another SOU Signed

A Statement of Understanding has recently been signed with the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department.