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Training Schedule:

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

Apalachicola

Mar 6 8am	CERT I
Mar 13 8am	CERT II

Perry

Feb 25 9am	PA
Mar 13 8am	ERV

Tallahassee

Feb 18 6pm	ARLC
Feb 18 6pm	SS
Feb 19 6pm	LOG
Feb 21 9am	LOGS
Feb 25 6pm	ARLC
Feb 28 9am	PA
Feb 28 9am	WMD
Mar 3 6pm	ARLC
Mar 3 6pm	INTRO
Mar 4 6pm	DA
Mar 6 9am	FS

CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

DA - Damage Assessment

FS - Family Services: Providing Emergency Assistance

FWBI - Family Well-Being Inquiry

HRID - Human Resources In Disaster

INTRO - Introduction to Disaster Services

LOG - Logistics: An Overview

MC - Mass Care: An Overview

SO - Shelter Operations

SS - Shelter Stimulation

WMD - Weapons of Mass Destruction

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 Red Cross in time of a disaster.

Henry Grubb Passes On

Longtime Disaster Services Volunteer, Henry Grubbs, died in late December 2003 and joined the HAM Operators in the Big Sky.

Henry had served on 57 Disaster Relief Operations during the past 10 years and was a Family Services Coordinator and a specialist in several two functions.

In honor of Henry's years of faithful service, it has been decided to name the chapter's Emergency Operations Center in his name.

Bio-Shield Exercise

Sheila Kosier and Walter Eaton participated in a Point of Distribution exercise at the Taylor County Health Department on Feb 6. This exercise was designed to test the ability of communities to distribute medications to a county's entire population should a bio-terrorism attack occur.

DAT Mental Health Class

29 Disaster Action Team (DAT) captains and members participated in a Mental Health Workshop on Jan 24. Disaster Mental Health Services Officers, Evelyn Goslin and Carolyn Stimel, conducted the class.

Taylor County Meets

Disaster Services Volunteers from Taylor County met at Swain's Family Restaurant to conduct their annual strategic planning meeting. Thanks to Walter Eaton for putting the meeting together.

CACC

To review a copy of the Capital Area Citizen Corps (CACC) Annual Report posted on our web site

DAT Up-Dates

Gail Grimes and Gina O'Neal-Moffit are retiring as DAT captains. Genevieve Carroll will replace Gail and Sonja Guthrie will replace Gina.

Bill and Mary Leonard will be working as a new DAT in Gadsden County.

Flood Prevention

The Disaster Services Office launched a new flood prevention campaign along with Tallahassee's Greater Frenchtown Revitalization Council.

Entitled "Adopt A Drain - Prevent A Flood", the initiative is designed to encourage neighborhood residents to monitor stormwater drains and ditches and call the city should they become clogged.

Grants Submitted

The Disaster Services Office has developed and submitted the following grant proposals.

- o Capital Area Citizen Corps for \$35,000
- o Community Emergency Response Team for \$35,000
- o Chapter EOC Generator for \$35,000
- o Masters of Disaster Program for \$57,000, and
- o Building A Disaster Resistant Business for \$32,000.

Strategic Plan

On Feb 7, 21 members of the chapter's Disaster Services leadership spent the morning reviewing and updating the chapter's Disaster Services Strategic Plan. Copies may be found on the Disaster Services Up-Date link on our web site.

HRID

Continuing our long partnership with the FSU Center for Civic Education and Services, 19 members of the center's staff recently participated in the Introduction to Disaster Services and Human Resource in Disaster courses.

During a disaster the center's staff will work in the Local Disaster Function and coordinated with FSU students.

HWAW

Florida's 2004 Hazardous Weather Awareness Week is February 23 - 27. As part of the week's events all Disaster Services Volunteers should check their Family Disaster plans and supplies kit to insure that you are prepared for the next disaster.

CERT Conference

Woody Morgan represented the Disaster Services Office at the 2004 Florida Community Emergency Response Team Conference held Jan 16 - 18 in Hernando County.

CERT Training

Call the Disaster Services Office to have the CERT training offered at your office or church or for your neighborhood.