



# DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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## New DSHR Members

Welcome to our newest Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) System members: Kristin King, Norman Heintz, Gary Hudson and Barbara Hudson. This brings the chapter's DSHR membership to 783 Disaster Services Volunteers.

## DAT Data

During the month of Dec our Disaster Action Teams responded to 23 home fires and provided \$14,168 in [financial](#) assistance to 80 victims.

The month of Dec has set a new record for the highest amount of financial assistance given to victims of homes fires during a single month.

## HWAW

Florida's 2006 Hazardous Weather Awareness Week is Feb 12 through 18. During HWAW, North Floridians should prepare for the next disaster by participating in the chapter's Disaster Resistant Neighborhood [program](#).

## Celebration 2006

The 2006 Volunteer Banquet "Celebration" is scheduled for Mar 13 at 7:00 PM at the Moon in Tallahassee. As in past year's the event will recognize volunteerism in the Capital Area Chapter.

All Disaster Services Volunteers are asked to [RSVP](#) On-Line today.

## Spring Blitz

The Disaster Services Office will be conducting its 2006 Disaster Services Spring Training [Blitz](#) between Mar 13 and 17. The five days of training will be facilitate at Tallahassee Community College.

## Disaster Leave Law

State of Florida, Leon County and City of Tallahassee employees are eligible for 15 days of [Disaster Leave](#) annually. The Disaster Services Office is now coordinating in-service Disaster Services Training for government agencies. The courses being offered include Introduction to Disaster Services, Mass Care: An Overview, Shelter Operations, Logistics: An Overview, Family Services: Providing Emergency Assistance and Damage Assessment I.

To schedule one of the courses at your workplace please [call](#) the Disaster Services Office today.

## Fire House Training

The Disaster Services Office will be conducting training on the [Fire House](#) and Fire / Weather House on Feb 25 at 9:00 AM at the Chapter House in Tallahassee. These two trailers are the chapter's most successful Disaster Education Outreach tools and can be found teaching home fire and severe weather preparedness throughout the chapter's eight counties.

Sign up for the [training](#) today.

## Kate – It Happened Here

Photos, newspaper clippings and personal stories are still needed for the "Hurricane [Kate](#) – It Happened Here" web site. Please contact the Disaster Services Office by [phone](#) or [e-mail](#) with your photos or stories.

## ERV # 1074

After almost 13 years of faithful service to the Capital Area Chapter, ERV # 1074 has been retired. The chapter will be receiving a new replacement for our old workhorse in late Apr in preparation for the 2006 Hurricane Season.

## Elder Ready

The chapter's Disaster Services Office recently applied for an \$18,000 grant to prepare seniors and local county Senior Centers for hurricanes.

## Disaster Mitigation

Using State Housing Initiative Program funding from the City of Tallahassee and Leon County the Disaster Services Office continues to provide Disaster [Mitigation](#) services for low-income home owners. The services include, sewer back-flow valve installation, hurricane shutter installation and lay-down hazard (tree) removal. Individuals can [call](#) the Disaster Services Office to have an application package mailed to them.

## SOU

The chapter has recently executed a Statement of Understanding ([SOU](#)) with Workforce Plus to work together during all phases of disaster.

## Grants

The chapter's Disaster Services Office recently applied for three Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund grants from the State of Florida. The applications include: \$30,000 for 10 [Shelter Trailers](#), \$68,000 for 10 Feeding Support Trailers and \$8,000 for a Pet Friendly Shelter Trailer.

**Become A Disaster Resistant Business ([DRB](#)) TODAY!**