



DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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New DSHR Members

Welcome to our newest Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) System members: Chiquita McMillan, Kathy Herzog, James Rossman, Sylvia Neeley, Janis Barbour, Christine Kellogg and Cheryl Rowland

Carolyn Returns

Carolyn Pardue spent the week of Feb 6 – 10 participating in a Disaster Kitchen Instructors course in Va. Carolyn is now authorized to teach the American Red Cross Disaster Kitchen Training course using the chapter's [Mobile Kitchen](#).

New DAT

A new Disaster Action Team is now serving Gadsden County. Based in Quincy, the team is made up of Team Captain Earlean Taylor and Team Members Attaway Hollomon, Tony Britt and Addie Brooks.

Volunteer Hours

During the month of Feb 178 Disaster Services volunteers logged 4,806 hours of service

Background Checks

All Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) System members need to complete a background check. This is a new requirement to be a DSHR member. Please use the following steps to complete your Background Check.

1: Contact the Disaster Services Office VIA phone at 878-6080 # 120 or VIA [E-Mail](#) and request your DSHR ID number.

2: Then log on to the [Give Hope Now](#) page of the chapter's web site to access the Background Check portal.

3: Please try to complete your Background Check as soon as possible.

The Disaster College

During the last week of February 58 Disaster Services volunteers participated in the Red Hills Disaster [College](#). Thanks goes to Frank and Charlene Doud for coordinating the week long training event.

Hurricane Zoe Exercise

The chapter's annual full scale hurricane exercise is scheduled for Jun 3. As in past years, the exercise will involve Disaster Services volunteers in all 8 counties. So please mark your calendar today.

Across The Line

On Mar 1 Disaster Services volunteer and paid staff from the Capital Area Chapter, the Georgia Wiregrass Chapter and the Valdosta Chapter met as part of an Across The Line Conference. Also attending the meeting were Florida and Georgia fire fighters, law enforcement and emergency management. During the event the 3 chapters discussed working closer together during future disasters.

Biz, Hector & Zolo

Over the next several months the Disaster Services Office will be facilitating a series of Hurricane Exercises for area businesses, neighborhoods and human service agencies. The exercises are:

Hurricane Biz – A Business Tabletop Exercise

Hurricane Hector – A Human Service Agency Tabletop Exercise

Hurricane Zolo – A Neighborhood Tabletop Exercise

If your business or neighborhood would like to participate any this series of tabletop exercises please register today.

DAT Data

During the month of Jan our Disaster Action Teams responded to 19 home fires and provided \$7,476 in financial assistance to 55 victims.

Volunteer Banquet

During this years Volunteer Banquet – Celebration numerous Disaster Services volunteers were recognized. These included:

Volunteer of the Year
Jim Christie

Disaster Services Volunteer of the Year
Roberta Maddox

Youth Disaster Services Volunteer of the Year
Chris Jones

Hurricane Season Youth Volunteer of the Year
Dustin Hand

Hurricane Season Community Connections Partner
Brant Copeland

New ERV

In late Apr Diana Day and Nancy Schildt will be traveling to Orlando to pick up the chapter's new Emergency Response Vehicle.

Jail Evacuation

On Mar 9 the chapter responded to a Hazardous Materials accident at the Leon County Jail.