



DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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New DSHR Members

Welcome to our newest Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) System members: Heather Sampson, Virginia Craig, Beth Simone and Martha Billings

Hurricane Kate Project

After six months of gathering historical information on the storm that struck the Capital Area Chapter in 1985, the Hurricane [Kate](#) Project has been completed. Learn what happened to the Big Bend Region on November 21 1985 as Hurricane [Kate](#) left much of the Capital Area without utilities.

SOU Signed

The chapter recently signed [Statement](#) of Understanding with Apalachee Center Inc. it also up-dated [Statements](#) of Understanding with the Gadsden County Health Department and the Liberty County Health Department.

Neighborhood HIVA

Complete a [HIVA](#) for your neighborhood today!

First Aid / CPR

The Disaster Services Office is once again offering First Aid and CPR at no charge for trained Disaster Services volunteers. A [listing](#) of the scheduled offerings of these courses can be found on the chapter's web site.

Hurricane Hector

On June 22 the "Hurricane [Hector](#) - A Human Service Organization Tabletop Exercise", was held. The four hour learning opportunity had staff from 24 local agencies testing their ability to plan and prepare for, then respond and recover from a category two hurricane.

Sign Of The Times

The Disaster Services Office has launched a new hurricane preparedness initiative. Throughout this year's Hurricane Season you will find the "HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE ARE YOU READY" [signs](#) along the roads and highways that cross the chapter's jurisdiction.

HB II

Your workplace can still register to participate in Hurricane [Biz II](#) to be held in Tallahassee on July 9. HB II is designed to test your businesses ability to stay in business after a hurricane.

NIMS – 700

All Disaster Services volunteers should take the self-study version of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction course. The [course](#) can be accessed from the chapter's web site.

Volunteer Recruitment

Now that Hurricane Season is upon us, it is very important that all Disaster Services volunteers understand the chapter's Volunteer Recruitment Procedures. When it looks as though a storm will threaten the Capital Area Chapter's jurisdiction, it is important that all Disaster Services volunteer constantly call the Disaster Services Volunteer Information Hotline in Tallahassee. The phone number for the hotline is 894-6735. Information regarding activation and deployment of Disaster Services volunteers will be constantly up-dated VIA the hotline.

Volunteer Up-Date

The Disaster Services Offices continues with its comprehensive up-date of all Disaster Services volunteer personnel files. Please access the Disaster Services Volunteer Up-Date [portal](#) as soon as possible and complete your personnel profile up-date.

CAS: An Overview

On July 11 at 9:00AM the Disaster Services Office will be offering the Client Assistance System (CAS): An Overview course at the Leon County EOC in Tallahassee. The CAS is the new American Red Cross system for tracking casework on-line. Space in the course is very limited so register [On-Line](#) Today.

T/S Alberto

The Capital Area Chapter's Disaster Services volunteers were put to the test within the first few weeks of the 2006 Hurricane Season beginning.

On Sunday June 11 the chapter's EOC was partially activated to monitor Tropical Storm Alberto as it moved into the Northern Gulf of Mexico.

By Monday June 12 the chapter's EOC was fully activated as Shelters were opened and staffed in Leon, Wakulla, Taylor and Dixie Counties. Yes we were asked to operate the Shelter in Dixie County. While we only had 42 evacuees in Shelters through the event the Capital Area Chapter response was a textbook response.

Visit the Tropical Storm Alberto web [site](#) for the full story.