



DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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New DSHR Members

Welcome to our newest Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) System members: Mike Joseph

Hurricane Cookout

The Disaster Services Office Annual End of Hurricane Season Cookout is scheduled for 5:00PM December 2 at the Chapter House. [RSVP](#) Today.

DAT Data

During the month of September our Disaster Action Teams [responded](#) to 10 home fires and provided \$4,848 in financial assistance to 26 victims.

Offer Your Ideas

Now is your chance to offer your ideas as to what should be incorporated into the chapter's new Community Operations [Center](#). By visiting the web site that has been established for the Community Operations Center, you can review the plans for the new building and offer your ideas VIA the internet.

Blanket Days

The chapter's annual Capital Area [Blanket Days](#) is now underway. The goal is to collect 500 blankets for the victims of home fires and the elderly throughout the chapter's eight counties.

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On a Saturday morning in late September, Disaster Services volunteers helped to set the stage for the upcoming Exercise Extreme Exposure ([XXX](#)). 32 of the chapter's Disaster Services volunteers were made-up to look like victims of a traffic accident in which radiological materials were being transported. The XXX will be facilitated as a tabletop exercise throughout the chapter's jurisdiction in the spring of 2007.

JR ROTC Lends A Hand

On November 11, 19 cadets from the Taylor County High School Army JR ROTC spent several hours helping to load the chapter's new Shelter Trailers with cots, blankets and other shelter equipment and supplies. These additional 10 trailers will take the chapter's inventory of Shelter Trailers to 25.

Have A Happy Thanksgiving

2006 North Florida Fair

During the 11 days of the 2006 North Florida Fair, Disaster Services volunteers staffed a Disaster Education / Mitigation Booth inside one of the fair's exposition halls.

Home Fire Hero

12 year old Alfreda Gunn of Chattahoochee [saved](#) several of her family members during a home fire with skills she learned while participating in the chapter's [Fire House](#) program.

ERV Loves A Parade

On November 4 ERV # [1173](#) along with Mike Joseph participated in the Apalachicola Seafood Festival Parade.

ERV # [1173](#) along with Billy and Rita Fox participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Tallahassee on November 10.

Brogan Museum Display

The next time you or your children visit the Mary Brogan Museum of Arts and Science in Tallahassee you will notice that the City of Wonders Exhibit contains one of the chapter's Disaster Resistant [Neighborhood](#) model homes.

Next at the museum will be a Pan Flu Exhibit that the chapter is helping to create.

FSU Student Nurses

FSU's School of Nursing has entered into a partnership with the chapter's Disaster Services Office to help prepare North Floridians for an Influenza Pandemic. Student nurses will be assisting in the new Disaster Resistant Neighborhood / Pan Flu Team project.

In addition, nurses from the school will also be helping staff Shelters and Emergency Aid Stations during the next hurricane or other disaster.

Pet Friendly

The chapter's new Pet Friendly Shelter [Trailer](#) is now ready for service. The trailer is a partnership between the chapter and the Big Bend Disaster Animal Response Team (BBDART). Made possible with grant funding obtained by the chapter, this new trailer contains animal crates, feeding bowls and a wide variety of other non-expendable supplies needed to operate our Pet Friendly Shelter.

BBDART and the chapter have a [SOU](#) and have been working together for several years in regards to our Pet Friendly Shelter.

Become a Disaster Resistant Neighborhood Today