



DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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New DSHR Members

Welcome to our newest Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) System members: Mason Rankin, William Knepper, Rebecca Alfonso, Tammy Sawner, Robert Newburn, Atrica Warr, Caryl Jefferson, Shirley Newburn, Cynthia Brown, Jennifer Frick, Gregory Ferguson, Ellen Ransdell, Sue Davis, Travis Lee.

ID Badges Required

It is very important that all Disaster Services volunteers have an ID Badge. Please call 878-5882 # 124 to make your appointment to have your photo taken on Monday afternoons.

2008 Airport Exercise

On March 13 the Tallahassee Regional Airport will be conducting a full scale exercise. The chapter needs 225 volunteers and simulated victims to fulfill our part of this important exercise. Please visit the Airport [Exercise](#) web site today and register your availability to participate.

Lightning Bolt Exercise

On November 28 all four chapters in the Canopy Oaks Region participated in a surprise exercise called [Lightning Bolt](#). During the eight hour virtual exercise 494 Disaster Services volunteers from the four chapters and our partner organizations made themselves available to respond to the four tornadoes that had struck the region. Good work everyone

DAT Data

During the month of October the chapter's Disaster Action Teams responded to 10 home fires where they provided \$4,017 in financial assistance to 24 individuals. For additional information visit: [FIRE](#)

Blanket Drive

This year the Capital Area [Blanket](#) Days had a goal of collecting 300 new twin sized blankets. As of this newsletter, 247 blankets have been collected.

The blankets are issued by Disaster Action Teams to victims of home fires during the winter months and inventoried into the chapter's Shelter Trailers for used during the next sheltering operation.

Ham Radio Course

Once again the Disaster Services Office and the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society will be hosting the [Amateur Radio License](#) course during January and February 2008. For additional information visit the course web [site](#).

12 Days Of Christmas

Once again the chapter promoted the "Twelve Days of Christmas Preparing Families for Disaster" [initiative](#) during the Holiday Season. The initiative provided a complete list of stocking stuffer ideas.

Needs Assessment

Understanding the community needs after a disaster is one of the most important parts of meeting human needs. In responding to a disaster the chapter does not want to send 4,000 Clean Up-Kits into an area when what is needed are 4,000 tarps.

To help Disaster Services volunteers understand how important it is to determine what the community needs are after a disaster, the chapter has developed an on-line Needs Assessment [Workshop](#). All Disaster Services volunteers are asked to participate in this on-line course.

Washington Storms

Due to the storms that have ravaged the northwest, Woody Morgan deployed in early December to the State of Washington as part of the Logistics Team.

Georgia Tornado

On Saturday December 15, the chapter's Disaster Services Office was called into action to coordinate the response to a [tornado](#) in Ashburn Ga. Working under Mutual Aid with the Savannah Chapter, who is responsible for the area, the Capital Area Chapter established a Disaster Relief Operation in Ashburn and deployed 13 of its Disaster Services volunteer to help manage the operation.

In addition, the chapter's ERV # 1173 and the Colquitt County Chapter's ERV # 1193 were deployed to Ashburn to provide Mass Care (Mobile Feeding) support.

The response to the [tornado](#) was a text book example of how Mutual Aid can work between chapters.

ERV # 1173 In Parade

A contingent of Disaster Services volunteers along with ERV # 1173 participated in the Christmas Parade on December 13 in Bainbridge Ga.