



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

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11 August 2014

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give". -- Winston Churchill

CLOTHING NEED

Ferris Hill Baptist Church's clothes ministry is in need of children's clothes. Donations can be delivered to the church Monday through Friday 9:00-1:00. The church is at 6848 Chaffin Street (about a quarter of a mile from the Health Department and Carpenter's Park).

IN HOME BUSINESS AND CHILDCARE NEED

Mr Casey with KC Wildlife Removal (24/7 – call 398-2704) is looking to fill a position in his home/office. He previously offered this to a lady (homeless due to a domestic violence situation), but she recently moved up north.

He is divorced, has a 7 year old daughter and a 24/7 business.

Would like to offer a room in his home, some salary, transportation, etc. in exchange for someone to help administrate his business, stay with his daughter when he is called out on business. Basically a live-in situation.

If you know of anyone that might be interested Phone: 850-398-2704

WOMAN IN NEED

A woman called and said her house was struck by electricity 3 times during the storm and did significant damage. She has health issues (disabled) and has open wires in her home. She also has debris in her yard from the storm. If anyone can assist her, especially electricians, please call 572-7897.

ANGEL'S GARDEN 17TH ANNUAL NEW BEGINNING ART SHOW

September 19th 4:00p - dark

September 20th & 21th 10:00a - 5:30p

New Beginnings Art Show will be held on September 19, 20, and 21. This will mark the 17th year Angel's Garden has organized and sponsored this show to benefit FavorHouse.

FavorHouse provides safe shelter for victims of domestic violence. They offer counseling services, educational groups, referral services, and literally a place for victims to reside until they get on their feet.

Over seventy-five artists will be featured.

Admission is FREE and an area for children's activities will also be provided.

There will be GREAT food vendors and music and dancers all day.

The art show will be in the park at the corner of 12th and Gonzalez Streets – across from the old Sacred Heart Hospital.

If you are interested in being a featured artist, or a sponsor of this event, telephone Debbie Tracy at Angel's Garden 435-9555.

1208 North 12th Avenue Pensacola, FL 32503
Store: 850.435.9555 Fax: 850.438.4433



2014 Angel's Garden
Artshow-Flyer.doc

FAMILY IN NEED (SUCCESS SO FAR)

I am very pleased that we have had such tremendous response from so many loving and caring folks in our community who reached out to assist the family in need. I am happy to tell you that mother delivered the new baby boy who weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. and both mom and baby are doing well. We helped Dad find a few days of temporary work this week but he still needs permanent employment. The other two children are enjoying their new clothes and toys and surviving nicely in the small motel room we were able to place the family in temporarily.

All of this family's emergency needs for food, clothing, and baby items we were able to meet with your assistance. Now we are hoping that Dad finds employment soon and that we are able to help them find permanent housing quickly as the donations to cover the motel room will run out on Friday!

Housing and employment are the immediate needs now. Once they have housing there will be additional needs for household goods and I will advise of the priorities then.

Again, thanks to everyone who has and is helping this young family. They are most appreciative of your assistance.

Janis Wilson 850-341-1399

Greatest Need is for permanent housing! A small 3 bedroom with cheap rent would be ideal.

Dad wants to work and needs a job. He does drywall and painting and tile work. Has lots of experience and good references. Looking for work ASAP!

If we can find them a home, I have access to most of the household goods (furniture etc.) that they will need. Please call Jan Wilson at 850-341-1399 ASAP or call Shirley at Interfaith Ministries if you can help with any of this. Thanks so much!

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has been in Santa Rosa County since 1996. We offer volunteer activities and opportunities for **seniors 55+**. All activities are at our Senior Center located at 6294 Buckskin Dr., Milton., unless noted otherwise.

Our activities include but not limited to card and board games, local and long distance trips, dining out at local restaurants, and luncheons.

One of our larger group of seniors is the **RSVP/Funbunch** which has approximately 60 members, ranging from age 70 to 92 years of age. They get together for luncheons, take day and overnight trips, play card and board games. The RSVP/ FunBunch is open for any new ideas that seniors would like to do.

Attached is our monthly schedule of activities. If you are interested in any of these you can call 983-5220 or email brsvpsantarosa@mchsi.com.

Or if you have a parent, relative or friend that is socially isolated and can get around and have transportation to and from the Senior Center, then maybe one of our programs would be good for them.

We would be more than happy to talk to you further and give more detail about our volunteer opportunities and monthly activities.



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activity schedule Aug

CERT TRAINING

Central Santa Rosa CERT/Pace CERT will be hosting a basic CERT training course the weekend of September 26th-28th. This course will certify anyone participating as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) unit member. The program will be held at the Pace Volunteer Fire Department on Pace Patriot Blvd. Training will begin Friday September 26th from 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM. Saturday Sept 27th 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday Sept 28th 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. While this is a long weekend, we have found it better to do all of the training in one weekend for everyone's convenience. Topics covered during this course will be:

Disaster Preparedness
CERT Organization and mission
Disaster Medical Operations
Triage/assessment/first aid
Transporting patients
Light Search and Rescue tactics
Preliminary Damage Assessment
Light Fire suppression
and much more:

By participating in this program you will receive a free CERT bag with tools and equipment. This course is free of charge and there is no commitment on your part to participate on the CERT strike team. The purpose of this training is to make you better prepared for disasters and thereby help your local neighborhood should a disaster occur. If you are interested in participating, please send me an email and I will register you for the course. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the training date. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Stephen P. Samaha www.smarthorizons.org [855-777-8032 ext 4025](tel:855-777-8032)

HEALTH OFFICIALS REMIND RESIDENTS, VISITORS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BORNE ILLNESSES

Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying
Cover skin with clothing or repellent
Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches to keep mosquitoes out

Mosquitoes can cause more than annoying, itching bites. They can also carry illnesses like West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Saint Louis Encephalitis, and Dengue Fever. The Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County would like to remind residents and visitors about the importance of preventing mosquito bites to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illnesses. Everyone should take precautions to eliminate areas where mosquitoes may breed and reduce the possibility of being bitten by mosquitoes.

To protect yourself from mosquitoes, it is important to remember to "Drain and Cover".

DRAIN standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.

- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that are not being used.
- Empty and clean pets' water bowls daily and bird baths at least once a week.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER skin with clothing or repellent.

- CLOTHING- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves. This type of protection may be necessary for people who must work in areas where mosquitoes are present.
- REPELLENT- Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.
- Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.
- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

Tips on Repellent Use

- Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before you apply repellent. Some repellents are not suitable for children.
- Products with concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) are generally recommended. Other US Environmental Protection Agency- approved repellents contain picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535. These products are generally available at local pharmacies. Look for active ingredients to be listed on the product label.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin or onto clothing. Do not apply under clothing.
- In protecting children, read label instructions to be sure the repellent is age appropriate. According to the CDC, mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the age of three years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than two months old.
- Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.
- If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.
- Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.
- To determine which repellent is right for you, consider using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's search tool for skin-applied repellent products:
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/opref/insect/#searchform>.

For more information, visit the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/chdSantaRosa/index.htm> or <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/index.html>.

The Department works to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.

Follow us on Twitter at @Healthyfla and on Facebook. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, please visit www.floridahealth.gov.

AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

In order to raise awareness of the importance of immunizations in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases, the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County (DOH-Santa Rosa) will observe August 2014 as National Immunization Awareness Month. Immunization is one of the easiest and safest ways to prevent diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

If you are pregnant, or planning to become pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider about updating your shots. He or she will make recommendations based on factors such as your age,

lifestyle, and general medical condition. Some vaccines, such as MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) should be given a month or more before you become pregnant. Others like the flu vaccine can be given during pregnancy. Women can also be vaccinated right after giving birth, even if breastfeeding.

Mothers who have been vaccinated pass their immunity to their babies prior to birth. This immunity lasts for a few months then begins to wane. Most infants begin receiving immunizations at the age of two months and can be fully immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases by age two. Many pediatricians provide immunizations with the child's regular check-ups. They are also available at the county health department. Other adults and children who have close contact with the baby should also be vaccinated to reduce the risk of passing diseases to the baby before it is fully immunized.

For more information on immunization and pregnancy, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/pregnant.html>.

For information on immunizations available at the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County, call (850) 983-5200.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE COALITION TO MEET AUGUST 28

The next meeting of the Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition will be held Thursday, August 28, in the main conference room of the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County, 5527 Stewart Street, in Milton. The focus of the meeting will be upcoming community events, including Tobacco Free Farm Share and the Tom Thumb Health Expo. The sub-committees on Tobacco Free Businesses and Housing will meet at 3:30 p.m. followed immediately by the coalition meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition began in September 2008 as a partnership of community members and agencies working together with a mission to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use and provide education on the dangers of tobacco abuse among children and adults. Members include the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County; Healthy Start of Santa Rosa County; Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC); The Center for Total Women's Health; Community Drug and Alcohol Council; West Florida Area Health Education Center; Covenant Hospice; Safe Haven; Santa Rosa County School District; Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office; Santa Rosa County School Health Program; Santa Rosa Pediatrics; University of West Florida; Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT); AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Manna Food Pantries; Forsley Properties (Ashborough Luxury Garden Apartments); the City of Milton; AmeriCorps Coalition of Escambia and Santa Rosa County (ACES); and WALA/Fox 10 TV. Any interested citizens or community groups are encouraged to attend the meeting and join the coalition.

For more information, contact Vince Nguyen, tobacco prevention specialist with the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County at 850-983-5200, ext. 142.

WIC INCREASES SERVICES AT PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE IN GULF BREEZE

The Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County Women, Infants and Children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program is expanding the services offered at the Gulf Breeze Campus of Pensacola State College, 5075 Gulf Breeze Parkway, in Gulf Breeze. Beginning August 11, clients will be seen by appointment only Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Those wishing to schedule an appointment must call the Milton location at 850-983-5250.

The health department's Midway facility has been closed since April 29 when the building was heavily damaged by flooding. The building is currently undergoing repairs, but at this time it is not known when the building will re-open. DOH-Santa Rosa would like to thank Michelle Horton, the director of the South Santa Rosa Center, and her staff for allowing the use of their facility.

WIC provides supplemental, nutritious foods for low to moderate income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum, as well as infants and children from birth to age five who are at nutritional risk. The location in Midway provided approximately 9,000 services to eligible families in the past year.

For more information about WIC, call 850-983-5250. For information about other services available at the DOH-Milton location, call 850-983-5200.

BICYCLE HELMET FITTING

I have an FDOT helmet fitting instructor coming to WFRPC on Thursday, August 7th from 2-4. She can instruct up to 35 people and I only have three of us, so if you'd like to extend the class to CTST, that would be great. I should the full course announcement from the instructor later today and will send it if you would like to invite the team. We have at least three, possibly four bike helmet fitting events in the next six weeks and could use volunteers if any would be interested. They must be trained by FDOT to fit helmets.

Thank you,

Brandi brandi.whitehurst@wfrpc.org

FREE TRANSPORTATION FROM NAVARRE/GULF BREEZE FOR SCHOOL SHOTS

While the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County (DOH-Santa Rosa) Midway location remains closed for repairs due to the April flood, Ferris Hill Baptist Church in Milton is offering free transportation from Navarre/Gulf Breeze to the health department for students who need back to school immunizations. Service will be available on July 31, August 7, and August 14 only, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The van will run from the South Santa Rosa Service Center, 5841 Gulf Breeze Parkway in Gulf Breeze, to the health department's Milton location at 5527 Stewart Street.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Parents may reserve seats by calling Tom Turman of Ferris Hill Baptist Church at 850-261-7470.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian (documentation of guardianship is required) and parents are asked to bring a copy of the child's immunization record.

Immunizations are provided by the health department free of charge to children through the age of 18 years and children must be up to date on all required vaccinations in order to attend public school in the State of Florida.

For more information, call the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County at 850-983-5200.



Ferris Hill Baptist
Church.doc

(Editor's note: This church is a shining example of a community minded organization)

OUTREACH TDAP CLINICS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SANTA ROSA COUNTY

The Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County (DOH-Santa Rosa) would like to remind parents that students entering 7th grade in the coming school year are required to have a current Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) shot. In an effort to provide additional opportunities for parents to update their child's middle school shots, the health department has scheduled outreach clinics at three middle schools at the south end of the county, and one at Jay High School in the north end.

"The Midway location was heavily damaged by the spring flood," said Barbara McMillion, RN, director of nursing for DOH-Santa Rosa. "Repairs are ongoing, but the building will not be open before the start of the new school year. We are offering the school based clinics in Gulf Breeze and Navarre as a more convenient way for folks at the south end to get those shots. Our satellite clinic in Jay is only open one morning a month, so the outreach clinic at Jay High School will offer those residents some additional opportunities, as well."

Shots will be provided on a walk-in basis. No appointment is required. The outreach clinics will provide only the Tdap for 7th grade. No additional vaccines or services will be available. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parents are asked to bring a copy of the child's immunization record.

Clinic Schedule:

Woodlawn Middle School
1500 Woodlawn Way
Gulf Breeze
Wednesday, August 6
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon in the clinic

Gulf Breeze Middle School
649 Gulf Breeze Parkway
Gulf Breeze
Thursday, August 7
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon in the clinic

Holley-Navarre Middle School
1976 Williams Creek Drive
Navarre
Thursday, August 14
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon in the media center

Jay High School
3741 School Street
Jay
Friday, August 15
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon in the clinic

The Tdap and other immunizations are also available on a walk-in basis at the DOH-Santa Rosa main location, 5527 Stewart Street in Milton. Immunization hours at the main site have also been extended through August 14.

Temporary Immunization Clinic Hours – Milton

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p. m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



Tdap Outreach Clinics.doc

For more information, contact DOH-Santa Rosa at (850) 983-5200.

WOUNDED AMERICAN VETERANS EVENT (W.A.V.E.)

I hope you have registered for the Wounded American Veteran's Event (WAVE 2014) This is our third annual Day on the Bay for the Gulf Coast Yacht Clubs to honor our veterans by providing a fun-filled day for the veterans and their guest.

Boat rides, picnic lunch, information, and entertainment are provided free of charge as a small token of our appreciation for their service.

Veterans, Volunteers, and Boat Captains all must preregister at <http://goo.gl/6VME8c>

Attached is the flyer with additional information.

If you wish to volunteer you may contact me directly at 850-341-1399 or pcolajan@yahoo.com

We still need more boats and volunteers so please register today!

See you there!

Jan Wilson WAVE Volunteer Coordinator



2014 WAVE Flyer FinalRev.pdf

CHILDRENS COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC HOURS AND SERVICES IN SANTA ROSA



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“We have between 800 and 900 clients who receive services at our Midway location and it can be difficult for those with limited access to transportation to make the trip to Milton. We would like to thank Michelle Horton, the director of the South Santa Rosa Center, and her staff, for allowing us to use their facility while our Midway clinic is being repaired,” said Dianne Pickens, WIC Director at DOH-Santa Rosa.

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BRIDGES STEERING COMMITTEE

What: Joint Steering Committee and Board Meeting
When: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Where: Emergency Operations Center
4499 Pine Forest Road Milton, FL 32583 850-983-5360



Bridges Steering
Committee Flyer8-20:

REBUILD NORTHWEST FLORIDA - FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY HOMEOWNERS

REBUILD Northwest Florida has received additional federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Florida Department of Community Affairs to support the Hurricane Mitigation Grant Program. Santa Rosa County homeowners are now eligible to apply for wind retrofit mitigation assistance.

Almost 10,000 local homeowners have taken advantage of this amazing program. Applying is easy, and there are no income or home value limitations to participate. Homes are evaluated and REBUILD-selected contractors outline potential improvements. FEMA funds pay for 75% and the homeowner is responsible for the remaining 25% of the cost. The scope of improvements is limited to:

- Roof deck attachment
- Bracing gable ends
- Reinforcing roof to wall connections
- Opening protection
- Exterior doors, including garage doors (on attached garages only)
- Secondary roof water barrier
- Roof covering

Santa Rosa County homeowners are encouraged to apply now to see if they meet the following program criteria:

- Applicant/co-applicant must occupy a single family, site-built home as his/her principal residence and be able to provide proof of homestead exemption.
- Home must be built before the adoption of 2002 Florida Building Code Standards.
- The property cannot be a mobile/manufactured home, an apartment, duplex, or town home.

About REBUILD Northwest Florida

REBUILD Northwest Florida is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has grown from a grassroots effort by a core group of individuals recovering from Hurricane Ivan in 2005. It continues to strengthen communities in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties by helping to rebuild and fortify homes to protect against the threat of hurricane storm damage.

WHITING FIELD JOB FAIR

25th Annual

Job Fair



**When: August 21, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Sikes Hall
NAS Whiting Field**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Local, Regional, and National Employers will be present. Please bring your most current resume and come prepared to be interviewed!

For more information please contact the NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 623-7177.

NEW SYSTEM TO SPEED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION -RESIDENTS ASKED TO REGISTER PHONE NUMBERS-

Santa Rosa County Division of Emergency Management has a new emergency warning tool that provides rapid phone notifications to residents when public safety may be at risk. In the event of an emergency, GeoCast®Web will be utilized to make rapid emergency telephone notifications to residents and businesses in an impacted area. Citizens can register and manage their account including updating or deleting phone numbers online at <https://santarosa.onthealert.com>.

Used during time sensitive emergencies like chemical spills, hazardous materials incidents, flooding and evacuations the new GeoCast®Web phone notification system utilizes highly advanced digital mapping technologies and phone databases to automatically call registered phone numbers in a target location with a recorded message on what steps residents should take to keep their family safe. The system will also be utilized for less time sensitive but important messages, including those provided by the sheriff's office to notify residents of crimes impacting a particular area.

Individuals may register for notifications via the county's website, www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency, or directly through the system's self-registration web portal located at <https://santarosa.onthealert.com>. All information provided by residents will be used for emergency notifications only. While Santa Rosa County offers this emergency notification service free of charge, minutes may be deducted from individual cell phone plans. Calls will typically be less than two minutes.

All listed landline phone numbers in the county will be ported into the new system. However, unlisted numbers, cell phones and some VoIP phones are not, and registration is required to receive notifications. For this reason all residents and business owners are asked to register even if their phone number may already be in the system. By doing so, a personal account is created and residents can manage their information including updating phone numbers or even deleting accounts when relocating out of the area. Citizens without home Internet access are encouraged to use the public computer resources available at one of the five county libraries.

"Ensuring timely and adequate warning to the public during times of potential or imminent danger is one of the more important jobs we have as emergency managers," said Brad Baker, emergency management director. "We are always looking for ways to improve risk communications to county residents and businesses."

Baker continued, "Even though we have the new emergency phone notification system, we still want to remind everyone that no single tool will provide enough warning to all people in all situations. While this new system may give us emergency officials greater capabilities, it is only one component of the overall public safety communications strategy. During emergencies, people should always seek out information on the county website at www.santarosa.fl.gov, Twitter account [@SRCBOCC](https://twitter.com/SRCBOCC), and from our local media."

The new emergency phone notification system is replacing the previous system called REVERSE 911®. The old system used 24 phone lines and could make approximately 1,240 calls per hour. The GeoCast®Web system is web based and offers enhanced warning capability with up to 6,000 calls per hour. The messages can be received by landline, cell and VoIP phones. As the system is web based, staff can send messages wherever they have an Internet connection.

More information about the emergency notification system, including an informational flyer and frequently asked questions, are available at www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency.

SAFE COMMUNITY LOGO

The following is from the National Safety Council:

For each of our communities, we develop a personalized logo. Attached is the logo, with your community name, to be used widely by your coalition. Below are a few recommendations on how you can use the logo, but this is not an exhaustive list. Be creative and use this logo in ways to that will benefit your work and show off your community.

- Website, social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter).
- Community communications – emails, email signatures, letterhead, envelope/return addresses, newsletters, event promotion or communication, etc.

- Street signs, road signs, community welcome signs, banners.
- Promotional materials – t-shirts, pens, calendars, stickers.

What we ask from you is to share with us, how you will or have used the logo. There will be some time during our networking conference in September, to share. And, please encourage all your coalition members and city/town representatives to use this logo as well. You are all part of this network and we hope this logo will help you display your accomplishments.



For copies contact Daniel at Danielh@santarosa.fl.gov

VETERAN CRISIS HOTLINE INFORMATION

1-800-273-8255 and press 1
 VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat for online chat
 Or text 838255 to receive support

HOMELESS RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

The links below contain helpful information and often funding opportunities for those of you that serve veterans. Important Links

- [VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans](#)
- [VA Center on Homelessness Among Veterans](#)
- [DOL Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program](#)
- [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness Veterans Page](#)
- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Military Families Pages](#)

John Johnson, Executive Director, EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless, Inc. 850.439.3009

GET PREPARED

<http://do1thing.com/>

This web page is an awesome way to incrementally get your family and business ready for any disaster.

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to **1786** people! Invite friends. [Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.](#) Invite your Santa Rosa friends to join you on the SAFER Facebook page.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades and other events in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July

etc...) or non profits, that are hosting events that are free and open to the public. The user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer

ADVANCED CITIZEN CORPS ACADEMY:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3TDJSBK>

G-300 INTERMEDIATE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM FOR EXPANDING INCIDENTS

Okaloosa has scheduled an ICS 300 class in August. *Please see link to details about the course and registration below.* If you would assume a supervisory role in an incident, perform EOC liaison, or Agency ECO roles, this class is for you.

The basic Incident Command System (ICS) classes (IS 100, 200, 700 & 800) are prerequisites, but they can all be taken for free, online. <https://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>

Sign up at:

<http://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/EventDetailPublic.aspx?ID=1336&mode=ModeEdit&LookupName=eventsearchpublic>

JUST IN TIME DISASTER TRAINING VIDEO LIBRARY - NEW SUBJECT - HOME CLEAN-UP AND RE-CONSTRUCTION FOLLOWING A DISASTER



**Just In Time Disaster Training
Video Library
New Subject – Home Clean-Up and
Re-Construction Following a Disaster**

A new subject has been added to the Just In Time Disaster Training Video Library.

Home Clean-Up and Re-Construction Following a Disaster

Now with 1,072 disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery training videos the library is the most comprehensive, easy to search, **FREE** internet based source for training curriculum for today's emergency responders.

The library can be accessed at the following web site:

www.JustInTimeDisasterTraining.org

Share access to this unique disaster training resource with others by linking your web site to the library today.

Join the Just In Time Disaster Training Library's [Twitter](#).

BRIDGES TRAINERS - GET RECERTIFIED ONLINE!

Is your Bridges Out of Poverty trainer certification more than two years old? Do you need to recertify but don't have a lot in your travel budget?

There are several upcoming opportunities to recertify online with Phil DeVol:
Nov 20, 2014 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT)

You can also convert to [Lifetime Certification](#) at this time.

What are the benefits of having a Lifetime Certification?

- Monthly trainer tips
- Newsletters
- Online support
- **Attend biennial online recertification sessions for free!**

This not only saves money; it also saves you time out of your office.

[Register today!](#)

For more information, email us at questions@bridgesoutofpoverty.com, or call us at (800) 424-9484. We look forward to working with you! The Bridges Out of Poverty Team

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: AN ONLINE TRAINING

The RAND Corporation developed a free emergency preparedness [online training](#) outlining how organizations and communities can better prepare for emergencies and strengthen their resilience. Resilience means:

- mitigating and withstanding the stress of manmade and natural disasters.
- recovering in a way that restores normal functioning.
- applying lessons learned from past responses to better withstand future incidents.

The training is intended for a diverse range of organizations, including businesses; faith-based organizations; hospitals, health clinics, and other health agencies; mental health providers; schools and universities; civic and volunteer groups; first responders; local government agencies; public health departments; and nonprofit agencies.

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

How Do You Handle Volunteers?

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/crisis-comm/How-do-you-handle-volunteers.html>

There Are No Victims Here: Creating an Empowered Survivor Culture

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Creating-an-Empowered-Survivor-Culture.html>

7 Factors for Effectively Adding Social Media Monitoring into Operations

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/7-Factors-Adding-Social-Media-Monitoring-Operations.html>

6.5 million homes at risk from storm surges

http://money.cnn.com/2014/07/10/real_estate/storm-surge-risk/index.html

How Urban Resilience Can Make Cities and Nations Safer from Disasters

http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/blog/how-urban-resilience-can-make-cities?utm_source=Social%20Media