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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).

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.

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SAVVY LIVING: FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CAN HELP SENIORS IN NEED

Food Assistance Programs Can Help Seniors in Need

I run a community counseling program for needy families and I am frustrated that so few eligible seniors take advantage of the food stamp program. Can you write a column on this to help educate seniors on this underutilized benefit?

It's hard to imagine that a government program serving more than 46 million Americans each month is considered severely underutilized. But that's the reality of the federal Food Stamp Program when it comes to serving seniors.

Nationwide, food stamps (now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP) reach around 80% of those eligible, but the numbers are much slimmer among seniors, age 60 and older. Recent statistics indicate only 39% of eligible seniors receive SNAP benefits.

There are a number of reasons for the lack of participation. Some seniors are too embarrassed or too proud to apply. Others think that if they receive SNAP they will be taking food benefits away from others (which they won't). Some think it is too difficult to apply for SNAP and others don't even know the program exists.

With all that said, here's a rundown of which seniors are eligible for SNAP what they get and how they can apply.

Who's Eligible?

For seniors to qualify for SNAP, their "net income" must be under the 100% federal poverty guidelines. So, for households that have at least one person age 60 and older, or disabled, their net income must currently be less than \$958 per month for an individual or \$1,293 for a family of two. Households receiving TANF or SSI (except in California) are also eligible.

Net income is figured by subtracting from gross income allowable deductions like out-of-pocket

medical expenses that exceed \$35 per month and shelter costs (rent or mortgage payments, taxes and utility costs) that exceed half of the household's income.

In addition to the net income requirement, a few states also require that a senior's "assets" be below \$3,250, not counting the home, retirement or pension plans, income from SSI or TANF and vehicles (this varies by state). Most states, however, have much higher asset limits or they don't count assets at all when determining eligibility.

The SNAP pre-screening tool at www.snap-step1.usda.gov/fns can help seniors and their family members figure out if they qualify.

To apply, seniors or an authorized representative will need to fill out a state application form, which can be done at the local SNAP office. It can also be mailed, faxed or completed online.

If eligible, benefits will be provided on a plastic card that's used like a debit card and accepted at most grocery stores.

Depending on the person's financial situation, the amount of SNAP a beneficiary may be eligible for will range between \$15 and \$189 per month as an individual, or \$15 to \$347 for a family of two.

To learn more or apply, contact your local SNAP office. Call 800-221-5689 for contact information or visit www.fns.usda.gov/snap.

Produce Coupons

In addition to SNAP, the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is another underused program that provides coupons that can be exchanged for fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs.

This program is currently available in select counties in 43 states, seven Indian reservations, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to seniors age 60 and older with gross monthly household incomes below 185% of the federal poverty line. The line is currently below \$1,800 for individuals or \$2,426 for a family of two. For more information visit www.fns.usda.gov/sfmnp or call 703-305-2746.

Other Programs

Seniors that are eligible for food assistance may also be eligible for a host of other programs that can help pay for medications, health care, utilities and more. To locate these programs, visit www.benefitscheckup.org or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116.

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.

CHILDRENS COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC HOURS AND SERVICES IN SANTA ROSA



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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

Holley-Navarre Middle School

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

Gulf Breeze Middle School

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

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.

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

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

FTBSEP TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

On Wednesday, September 17th, an 8-hour (8:30am-4:30pm) Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Helmet Safety Education Teacher Training workshop is scheduled to be held at:

Avalon Middle School – Room 405
5445 King Arthurs Way
Milton, FL 32583

As of today a limited number of seats are available. If you'd like to attend, or know of others who may like to attend, please contact us as soon as possible at: <safety@hnp.ufl.edu>. Once the class is full, we will not be able to accommodate additional people. Those attending will have to attend the full 8-hour workshop and participate in all classroom, and pedestrian and on-bike lessons. Likewise, the purpose of these training workshops is to educate those who will teach pedestrian and bicycle safety to children, so participants should be in a position that allows them to teach children such skills. Finally, they may have to bring a bicycle and helmet that they will use during the workshop.

Though we may not be able to accommodate extra participants, we welcome you, other affiliated FDOT staff, and FDOH Coordinators to attend our workshops to observe the trainings we can offer in your district.

The FTBSEP, funded by the Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Office, is a state-wide, comprehensive traffic safety education program that provides one-day workshops for Florida elementary and middle school teachers, law enforcement officers, and recreation leaders. Those who are trained provide training for children to give them the knowledge and skills to be competent and safer in traffic. Detailed curricula (separate for elementary and middle schools) incorporate both (1) classroom instruction with interactive DVD/video components and activity worksheets, and (2) outside, pedestrian and on-bike skills practice. Classroom topics covered in the workshops include, but are not limited to: the importance of having a traffic safety education program, an overview of the Florida Safe Routes to School program, pedestrian safety (school bus safety, stop and search at the edge, visual barriers and model street crossing, crossing intersections, etc.) and bicycle safety (hazard identification and avoidance, helmet importance and fitting, bicycle fit and safety check, seeing and being seen, rules of the road, traffic laws, etc.). The workshops also include on-bike skill instruction which covers, but is not limited to: bicycle fit and safety check, road position, hazard identification and avoidance, scanning, signaling, turning, and intersections. Further information regarding the FTBSEP can be found on our website at: <<http://hnp.ufl.edu/safety>>.

If you have any questions regarding this training or the FTBSEP please call or email us directly.

Sincerely,

Dan Connaughton
Director, FTBSEP

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NATIONAL COMMUNITY / NEIGHBORHOOD EXERCISE SERIES

The [Formidable Footprint](#) exercise series for neighborhood, community and faith based organizations continues.

September 27 – Hurricane Exercise

Exercises have also been scheduled for the following scenarios:

Earthquake – Flood – Influenza Pandemic – Solar Storm – Tornado – Wildfire



The [Formidable Footprint Hurricane Exercise](#) has been developed in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) protocols. The objective of this exercise is for CERTs, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Neighborhood Associations, Community / Faith Based Organizations, Citizen Corps, Fire Corps and others to work as a team to become better prepared for the next hurricane.

There is **NO CHARGE** for participation in the [Formidable Footprint Hurricane Exercise](#).

For additional information or to register for this exercise please access the following web site today:

www.FormidableFootprint.org

Formidable Footprint Twitter and LinkedIn Groups

Stay informed regarding future Formidable Footprint exercises by joining the Formidable Footprint Twitter and LinkedIn Groups.

Formidable Footprint Twitter Group	Sign-Up
Formidable Footprint LinkedIn Group	Sign-Up

Please Share This Important Disaster Exercise Opportunity With Others

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