

Emergency Services Update

July 2011



Spotlight !

Health Services and Mental Health Volunteers Needed!:

Across the street, around the corner, and across the country the need for Health Services and Mental Health volunteers is growing. With the ongoing devastation that our country has seen over the past 5 months, the need for their services will continue to grow. If you have a friend, neighbor, or co-worker who you feel would enjoy putting their skills to work within the community, invite them to serve with the American Red Cross! We can't do it without you!

Please email Casey at CSchmelz@redcrossncfc.org for more information.

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality

RUNNING TO THE RESCUE

During the month of July, **YOU**, the **VOLUNTEERS** have assisted **20 families**, **50 individuals**, in our eight county jurisdiction! Interested in joining the Disaster Action Team? Contact Casey @ CSchmelz@redcrossncfc.org to find out how!

IF YOU WANT TO LIFT YOURSELF UP, LIFT SOMEONE ELSE.
-BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

So, what are we doing?

July has been a month filled with volunteer deployments. During the month of July we deployed volunteers to support the relief efforts in Minot, North Dakota. The town of Minot was affected by a severe flood that left over 11,00 families displaced in a county with only 40,000 residents. This was a devastating event for the entire community. A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers that supported the relief efforts in North Dakota.

Red Cross and their acronyms:

After a few years I have learned many things, mainly that the American Red Cross uses more acronyms than any organization I know! It is my goal to introduce these acronyms to you and help you become familiar with them for every day use. Each month I plan on introducing one or more acronyms to you to help build your knowledge within our organization.

CDRA (Chapter Disaster Readiness Assessment)

Evaluation to determine whether sufficient human resources and material resources exist to respond to a disaster.

COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan)

Strategy for resuming critical operations efficiently and effectively if they are interrupted by emergencies.

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Take a Look Inside Our Chapter:



Volunteer of the Month:

Scott Brantley started with the North Central Florida Chapter in 2010. He is a volunteer Firefighter in Dixie County. Scott has become a valued member to the American Red Cross with general focus on Mass Care. Scott has proven to be a valuable asset as well to our national organization with multiple deployments since April 2011. He was an integral part to the recovery this spring, deploying with Sandra Klecka as an ERV driver to the devastating Alabama Tornado in April of 2011 as well as his recent lengthy response to Hurricane Irene where he was promoted to Staff Shelter Manager.

The American Red Cross counts on valued volunteers every day to ensure the mission is carried through. It is imperative that we, as an organization, do what we can to recognize these incredible acts of selflessness in these hard economic times.

Each volunteer in the American Red Cross gives us the ability to continue to make a difference each day within our community, across the state, and throughout the country. Scott is just an example of the extraordinary volunteers we have at the North Central Florida Chapter.

Disaster Services Committee:

The North Central Florida Chapter has an established Disaster Services Committee comprised of experienced leadership within the North Central Florida Chapter. It is the goal of the committee that all needs and concerns of the Volunteers are voiced and any chapter based initiatives are implemented. Disaster Committee leads are tasked with coordination of their activity for all eight counties. Here is an overview of your current committee members:

Casey Schmelz, *Emergency Services Manager, Chapter Operations Manager* (Cschmelz@redcrossncfc.org)

Jim Frank, *Disaster Services Chair, Logistics Lead* (Jfrank3471@aol.com)

Doc Cox, *Mass Care Lead, ERV Coordinator* (DocRc@cox.net.)

Sandra Klecka, *Sheltering and Safe and Well Lead* (Sklecka@redcrossncfc.org)

Ray Davis, *Disaster Assessment Lead* (g8rpatriot@gmail.com)

Ellis Lindsey, *Disaster Assessment Field Supervisor*, (lalecl@aol.com)

Andy Bryan, *Public Affairs Lead* (abaflorida@yahoo.com)

Nicole Blattler, *Disaster Health Services Lead* (NBlattler@gmail.com)

Tom Klecka, *Government Liaison Lead* (TKlecka@redcrossncfc.org)

Stephen Shepard, *Warehousing Lead* (Shepardsr01@yahoo.com)

Kathleen Aust O'Shea, *Staffing Lead* (AustOSheaK@redcrossncfc.org)

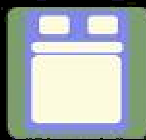
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Henry Isleib, *Community Partnerships* (henryisleib@hotmail.com)

Harry Reeve, *Facilities Lead* (troop693@windstream.net)



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