

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

February 2011

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality



SPOTLIGHT!

Disaster Services Committee:

The Disaster Services Committee, a volunteer-led committee, is currently seeking out people interested in leadership in the following areas:

Health Services (must carry LPN/RN/ Paramedic license)

Mental Health Services (Must be Licensed by the state of Florida)

External Relations Liaisons

Community Partnerships

Disaster Training

Community Education

Fundraising

Please email Casey at

CSchmelz@redcrossncfc.org for more information. Committee leadership requires attendance at monthly leadership meetings, the ability to work with volunteers in your area, and a desire to support your community!

RUNNING TO THE RESCUE

Since January 1, 2011, **YOU, the VOLUNTEERS** have assisted **38 families, 84 individuals**, in Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Suwannee Counties.



SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING?

'Tis the season for Shelter Updates! In our eight county jurisdiction we have over 100 shelters that needed to be surveyed and updated in our National Sheltering System. The Emergency Services Interns, with direction from the Mass Care and Facilities Lead are working hard on completing this update! All shelters will be updated and complete by April. Awesome Job!

Partnering for a better future: We are currently seeking out groups (businesses, churches, networks) who are willing to partner with us for local disaster response. We will be reaching out to groups such as the VFW, American Legion, Citizens on Patrol, Fraternity of the Eagles, Southern Baptist, Lutheran Disaster Relief, to partner in various ways to assist during a disaster. If you are interested in helping, please let us know!

Proud Supporters of the American Red Cross: We have a new member of the Community Disaster Assistance Network! **SERVPRO**, a Fire & Water-Cleanup & Restoration company, has agreed to partner with the American Red Cross by donating services to our clients, donating sheltering supplies during a disaster, and offering free meals to our fire victims.

COMING SOON!

Monday, **February 21th** Dixie County will offer Adult CPR training to the Volunteers in Dixie County at 6pm.

Wednesday, **February 23rd**, Alachua County will have a Volunteer meeting from 6-7pm

Monday, **February 28th**, Staffing will have a training in the Gainesville office from 6-9pm.

Remember, all classes require pre-registration!!

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