

Shelter Team Training, Saturday, November 13, 2010 (8:30am-12:15pm)

Thanks to all who were able to participate in our shelter team training event. This concentrated 3-hour bilingual training opportunity was a resounding success, well received by the shelter team members and participants, alike. The great turn-out was reassuring: 19 from our shelter team, five new parish participants from the Hispanic Community, two from the Bon Air Baptist Church shelter team and Paul Hundley, the director of the Red Cross disaster services. Click **Shelter Team Training** to display a summary of the training event.

The enthusiasm of the team was evident throughout the event, as they eagerly joined in the training and interacted with the other participants. Sue Ruppel and Dan Dupont effectively organized the two training sessions, so that there was plenty of hands-on practice for the registration tasks. The bulk of the time was dedicated to registration, but there was sufficient time for Dan to review shelter operations reporting, followed by a final discussion of the day's training and questions from the participants. The team and their fellow participants gained valuable training lessons in registration and shelter operations that will help the team as a whole in the future. And finally, we accomplished our training objective by ably demonstrating to ourselves and our guests, how to do shelter team cross-training.

Dan Dupont put it well: "We have a great team and help to set the standard for other shelters in the local area. Our willingness to share our knowledge and time with others really does set us apart. We all know that we are ready and committed to do this when the call comes!" As did Sue Ruppel: "Kudos to everyone involved - - way to go team!!"