

Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Training Exercise, Saturday, 13 Mar 10

The annual exercise was a success on many levels. It accomplished the overall objectives of operating a large facility supporting 200 clients with 90 shelter team members from area teams operating in two shifts; and employing a partner agency (Baptist mission mobile kitchen) to prepare the lunch meal for 300 participants. The Bon Air Baptist Church shelter team was host with the St. Augustine shelter team providing leadership and mentoring. Their superb facility easily accommodated the Red Cross shelter mission and its complement of clients and shelter team workers. The Baptist mission mobile kitchen provided an excellent meal that was well-received by the participants. The shelter teams were effective and efficient in serving the meal to all participants. The shelter opened on time, operated efficiently despite the initial surge of clients and shelter team members. This provided ample lessons learned, especially for Registration.

Shelter Operations Training Course: Wednesday, 14 Apr 10

20 parishioners attended this 4-hour training class which qualifies participants to be Red Cross emergency shelter staff workers. Alberto Torres, a St. Augustine shelter team member, served as interpreter for the Red Cross instructor, Paul Hundley, the director of Disaster Services. The St. Augustine shelter team supported the class by providing a demonstration of how the team uses our parish building space to operate an emergency shelter.

Shelter Team Training: Saturday, 13 Nov 10

This concentrated 3-hour bilingual training opportunity was a resounding success, well received by the shelter team members and participants, alike. 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.

Shelter Team Alert: 2-6 Sep 10

On Wednesday, September 1, anticipating flooding from a Hurricane storm Earl, the Red Cross alerted the St. Augustine shelter team to be ready to open and operate its emergency shelter Thursday, September 2 through Monday (Labor Day), September 6. 12 responded; 6 to 8 daily with 3-4 overnight.

Shelter Team Alert: 29 Sep-2 Oct 10

On Wednesday, September 29, anticipating flooding from tropical storm Nicole, the Red Cross alerted the St. Augustine shelter team to be ready to open and operate its emergency shelter Wednesday through Saturday, October 2. 20 responded; 8 to 19 daily with 5-7 overnight.

Shelter Team Alert: 26-27 Dec 10

On Thursday, December 23, anticipating a severe snow storm, the Red Cross alerted the St. Augustine shelter team to be ready to open and operate its emergency shelter Sunday December 26 through Monday, December 27. 13 responded; started with 12, varied between 10-12 with 5 overnight.