

Southwest Florida Chapter Preparedness & Response News



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Red Cross**

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Exceptional Volunteers Awarded!

Volunteers were treated to a lovely dinner following the heartwarming awards presentations and annual business meeting June 15th. Our exceptional volunteers awarded this year awed the crowd as lengthy accolades were stowed upon them for all they accomplished for Red Cross. Congratulations to our award winners. We appreciate all of our volunteers for their continued support throughout the year.



From left:

Sally Sloman

Clara Barton Honor Award
for Meritorious
Volunteer Leadership

Jeff Carlson

Preparedness
Volunteer of the Year

Fred Lux

Disaster
Preparedness & Response
Volunteer of the Year

Petro Coelho

"Little Six" Youth Corps
Volunteer of the Year

Mary Rainey

Leadership Volunteer of the Year

BiBi Moreno

DeSoto Branch
Volunteer of the Year

Madge Williams

Community Volunteer of the Year

Elizabeth Bee

The Susan M. Nowotne Memorial
Award for Youth Leadership

Red Cross Camps: \$100 discount for volunteer's family



Campers and counselors are all smiles after a week of Babysitter's Boot Camp in June

Red Cross volunteers who have family members wishing to enjoy a Red Cross camp may take advantage of our volunteer discount of \$100. Call 941-379-9300 x 242 for more information and to register.

Babysitter's Boot camp, July 12th-16th AND Aug 2nd-Aug 6th
Wilderness and Preparedness camp, July 26th-July 30th AND Aug 16th-Aug 20th
Act SMART camp, Aug 9th-Aug 13th



Photo by **Wendy Mitchell**: Emergency Response Team (ERT) member **Ian Harrington** is serving the fire crew cold drinks with **Sal Fontana** and **Suzanne Myers** in the Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) unloading supplies. The two alarm commercial fire in June had over 50 firefighters appreciating Red Cross rehab services on this extremely hot evening.



2nd Readiness drill held in June

For the second disaster readiness drill, volunteers set up the disaster operation center (DOC), inventoried "job" trunks for each activity and solved disaster scenarios for a hurricane response. Great job team!



Clothing donation program benefits Southwest Florida Chapter



You will soon be seeing clothing collection boxes with the Red Cross logo on them around town. Red Cross chapters in our region have partnered with *Charity Clothing Pickup Services and Merchandise Collection Services, Inc.*, businesses that raise money for non-profit organizations through the sale of used clothing and shoes.

By utilizing clothing collection boxes we can receive clothing items in multiple locations throughout Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. This program will help provide additional funds for the American Red Cross, provide members of the community an additional

way to support our mission, and will help our area redistribute clothing.

Donors are asked to bag their clothes in 13-gallon bags and place the bags in the drop slot. Receipts can be requested by email, www.clothingpickupflorida.com, or by calling 877-977-1116.

Disaster Response Training Classes

379-9300 x 254

Or Desmondc@usa.redcross.org

Client Casework:
Providing Emergency Assistance
 Wed, 7/21/10, 9am-4pm (3064780)

ERV: Ready, Set, Roll
 Sat, 7/17/10, 9am-3pm (3064877)

Fulfilling our Mission
 Thu, 7/22/10, 5:30-9pm (3065039)
 Tue, 8/24/10, 9am - 12:30pm (3065060)
 Fri, 9/24/10, 1-4:30pm (3065086)

Mass Care
 Thu, 7/15/10, 9am-12pm (3065103)
 Wed, 8/11/10, 1-4pm (3065119)
 Tue, 9/21/10, 5:30pm-8:30pm (3065132)

Shelter Operation
 Wed, 8/18/10, 9am-12pm (3065145)

Shelter Simulation
 Wed, 8/18/10, 1-4:30pm (3065157)



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