DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

Shown: Patrice Relf, Monique Brent, Robyn Sanchez, and Barbara Lange meeting in Beaumont, Texas to work on the Harvey Recovery Disaster Case Management Program this week.

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OUR FEATURED MONTHLY GUEST BLOG: BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER: FEMA AND THE DISASTER SERVICES CORP., SVDP-USA

FEMA maintains strong relationships with many voluntary organizations under the umbrella of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD), of which the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a member. Together, we promote the National movement's core principles — cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration — in order to build strong, resilient communities and help survivors impacted by disasters.

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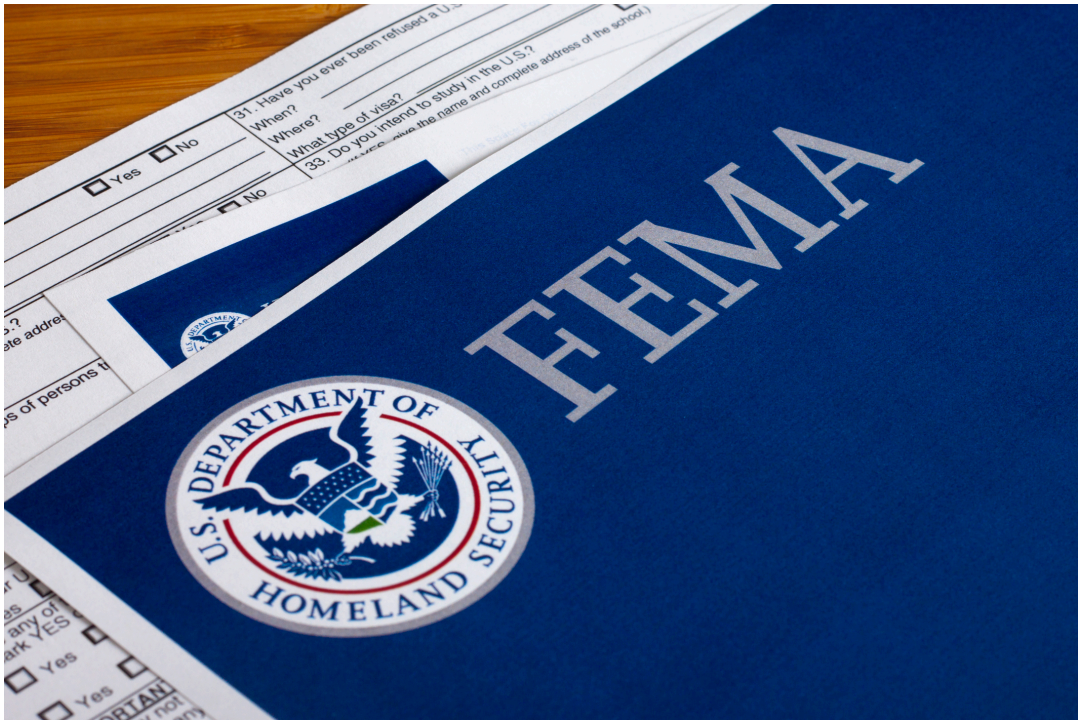

FEMA TRAINING

Do you know what to do to stay safe during an earthquake? What about in the event of a tornado? How will you reconnect with your family following a major disaster or emergency?

Each year, more and more people are gaining the skills necessary to prepare for and respond to disasters or emergencies through various training programs, classes or modules. Get engaged, Get prepared and Be ready today for what may happen tomorrow. Only by making certain we as individuals are prepared for a disaster, will we be able to ensure the safety of our families and assist our communities.

FEMA provides information resources in many formats, including training guides, workbooks and DVDs, free of charge. Ordering information is included.

SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

- **FEMA's Emergency Management Institute Independent Study Online Course** - Many of FEMA's emergency preparedness and management courses can be taken online for ease and convenience.Take a look at the many training courses FEMA has to offer about how you can prepare yourself or family for what to do before, during and after a disaster.

- **Community Preparedness Toolkit** The Community Preparedness Toolkit provides step-by-step directions along with useful resources for making your community, safer, more resilient to withstand any disaster or emergency. Learn more about this toolkit and how you can use it to develop a community-based approach to preparedness and start or join local preparedness programs such a Citizen Corps Council or Community Emergency Response Team.

- **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)** - The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations giving members the skills to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

FEMA INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute offers many online courses for you to learn more about emergency preparedness, mitigation, the emergency management system, and the disaster response process. Below are a few courses that you may be interested in:

- IS 10.a - Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness
- IS 11.a - Animals in Disasters: Community Planning
- IS 22 - Are You Ready?: An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness
- IS 244 - Developing and Managing Volunteers
- IS 288- The Role of Volunteer Agencies in Emergency Management
- IS 317 - Intro to Community Emergency Response Teams
- IS 324 - Community Hurricane Preparedness
- IS 394.a - Protecting Your Home or Small Business in Disaster

All the course materials are available over the internet to all who are interested. Official enrollment in the course, which includes scoring the final exam, receiving a certificate, and maintaining student records is, however, limited to United States (US) residents and to those individuals outside the US with valid US Postal Service deliverable address including APOs and FPOs.

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