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ONLINE REGISTRATION - What's Going On?

(Brenda Hope, Volunteer Coordinator)

In our last newsletter, we were moving forward. Now we are asking "What's going on?" Here is the latest regarding our online registration system . . .

www.AZVolunteers.com is up and running! If you have signed up as a volunteer, you should be able to access the system by logging on with your "user ID" and "password" (these were sent via email in November). New volunteers go to the site, and create their user profile.

We have had challenges with the function that allows volunteers to select their POD location and volunteer task. The good news - we have located the glitch (I admit it was partly my fault) and we have fixed it! The "not as good" news is that major changes have been made to our POD Operations plan, and most of the volunteer tasks have been revised. This means quite a bit of work for our system administrators, and this work will take time. We hope that the new information will be loaded onto the system, and posted for volunteer use by the end of January. After the system is updated, volunteers will be able to select their POD location, and preferred volunteer task.

So, what can you do while you wait for the system to be updated?

- Make sure your name is listed in the new system. If you have not received a "user ID" and "password", let me know ASAP.
- Check your information listed under "Personal". Is everything correct?
- Make sure you check off all your talents and abilities under "My Skills".
- Everyone must answer the questions under "Important Info". Volunteers with special licenses should also select their license type (left side of screen) and provide the necessary information.

We are making progress. Once everything is formatted and functioning, it will be smooth sailing.

Farewell to All . . .

It has been wonderful working with the dedicated members of the Volunteer Service Group. Who would have guessed that preparing for public health emergencies could be so entertaining?

This will be my final newsletter, as I am leaving Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) to pursue other opportunities.

Thank you for your hard work, your sense of humor, and your commitment to this important program. Perhaps I will see you at a future training event, since I plan to become a VSG member!

Keep well, and keep safe.

Brenda



TRAINING AND EXERCISE

If you have questions about these events or to register for any of the following opportunities, please contact Logistics Supervisor Darin Daniels at 602-372-2659 or DarinDaniels@mail.maricopa.gov.

VSG Orientation: **CANCELLED**

The Volunteer Orientation sessions scheduled for the end of January have been cancelled. There have been many recent changes to the Emergency Preparedness Operations Plan, and it has been decided to postpone any general training until May. Information about future Volunteer Orientation sessions will follow.

Monday, January 22, 2007

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Avondale Fire Station #172

1825 N. 107th Ave.

Avondale, AZ 85323

Thursday, January 25, 2007

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Scottsdale Library, 10101

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lakeview Recreation Center

10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd

Sun City, AZ 85351

CANCELLED

From Management to Leadership

This three-day workshop looks at the skills needed to be an effective manager, and provides necessary insights which can help managers raise their game to the level of leadership.

These sessions are a blend of presentations, exercises, games and discussions with an emphasis on self-analysis. These sessions are not specific to emergency preparedness; participants will be encouraged to share their experiences and apply this learning to their own interests and activities. Topics covered include "Management Principles, Team Building, and Situational Leadership".

Training Dates:

Session #1: Feb. 12, Feb. 13th, Feb 14th (am only)

Session #2: Feb. 14th (pm only), Feb. 15th, Feb. 16th
(you must attend all days during each session)

Location:

4041 N. Central Ave., 14th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85012

More information to follow!

This training is open to registered VSG members who have completed Level II training. Seating is very limited, and is open on a first come first registered basis.

FEMA TRAINING

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers **FREE** online training as part of its Independent Study Program. Among classes offered are IS-100 (Introduction to Incident Command System) and IS-700 (National Incident Management Systems – NIMS). These two classes are required for VSG members who wish to be assigned to leadership positions.

Visit www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslst.asp for a list of all the online courses offered by FEMA. Once you complete IS-100 or IS-700, please send me a copy of your certificate, so I can update your records.

And to VSG members who have completed IS-100, IS-195 (course retired), or IS-700 . . . Great Job!!!

COMING SOON . . . IS-100 and IS-700 offered in a classroom setting near you . . . For FREE!!!

Pandemic Influenza Tabletop Exercise

Maricopa County will be joining Gila and Pinal Counties as part of a Tri-County Pandemic Influenza Exercise. This tabletop exercise will focus on school and community containment needs in the event of a pandemic. We expect about 150 participants including fire departments, school officials, law enforcement, and other government agencies.

There will be an opportunity for volunteers to fully participate in this exercise. We don't have a scheduled date, yet, but we believe the event will take place in March.

Date: Some time in March

Time: Morning until about 2 pm (about 4 - 5 hours)

More information to follow!