

Press Release
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Faith-based Organizations Prepare the Community for Emergencies

Members of the Faith-based Community Outreach Coalition, along with Greg Strader, CEO of BRACE, City Council Member, Jewel Cannada-Wynn and Dianne James, Co-chair of the Faith-based committee urge all churches and the community to prepare for future emergencies that may impact our community. Hurricane season begins June 1st and BRACE and its Faith-based Coalition partners are reminding churches that Escambia County Emergency Management advises that the “First 72 Hours is on you”. Residents MUST be ready to cope with disasters without assistance for the first 72 hours after being impacted by a major disaster.

Dianne James states, “we invite church leaders, both clergy and laity, to participate in the next Faith-based Coalition meeting. The next meeting is scheduled:

- Monday, May 15, 2017
- Pensacola Improv, 375 N. Pace Blvd.
- 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will provide church leaders with access to resources that will help members take steps to prepare for emergencies:

- Make a family disaster plan
- Build a disaster supply kit
- Stay informed by watching and listening for emergency alerts
- Get involved by becoming trained as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member

BRACE is a community based disaster coalition that was established by the Escambia Long Term Recovery Committee after Hurricane Ivan to improve the disaster resiliency of our community. The 200+ partners of BRACE have assisted survivors in recovering from Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis, the 2014 Flood and the February 2016 tornadoes.