



BRACE YOURSELF

Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies



Oil Spill – Want to Help?

BRACE is organizing volunteers to help in our community through Citizen Corps www.citizencorps.gov and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) www.citizencorps.gov/cert. Send an email to brace@bereadyalliance.org to join our volunteer team.

Citizens are asked to stay away from oiled areas and keep a safe distance away from oil containment booms.

**Report oiled shorelines to 866-448-5816.
Report oiled wildlife to 866-557-1401.**

For the latest information, visit the official Escambia County disaster response site, www.EscambiaDisasterResponse.com.

Be the First to Know!

When a state of emergency is declared, the **BRACE homepage** will go into Emergency Mode to provide our partners and the public with emergency information. The Escambia County Public Information Office will be updating **MyEscambia.com** with the latest breaking news as it is made available.

BRACE's website will provide a link to MyEscambia.com for this breaking news during an emergency.



But why wait? To make sure that you receive emergency updates via email or text, you can sign up now at **MyEscambia.com**. Several email subscriptions are available from Escambia County depending on your information needs – sign up for one, two, or all three. To learn more, visit the Stay Informed page on **MyEscambia.com**.

Hurricane Preparedness Week

May 23-29 is National Hurricane Preparedness Week. Hurricane hazards come in many forms: storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding. It is important for your family to have a plan that includes all of these hazards.

Visit www.hurricanes.gov to learn valuable tips to prepare your family and business.

Welcome Peggy!

Peggy Armstrong began her VISTA service with BRACE in April. Peggy's focus will be supporting Escambia County's Citizen Corps programs with a primary focus on CERT training– supporting the 250 current CERT members and developing our newest CERT teams in the Town of Century and the City of Pensacola.

Peggy has been an active BRACE partner, serves on the Florida CERT Association board and previously served as President of the Navarre CERT Team. She is also a HAM radio operator.

We are excited to have her join the BRACE team!

Calendar of Events

May 23-29 is National Hurricane Week
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Mark Your Calendars:

- BRACE Annual Meeting: May 2010 date TBD – Watch for your evite!
- YEP! Youth Emergency Preparedness Expo – September 25, 2010
- 2nd Annual Hurricane Hoedown – May 14, 2011

Recurring BRACE Meetings:

- BRACE Homebound Committee Meeting** – First Wednesday of each month • 10 a.m.; United Way Building
- BRACE Executive Committee/Board of Directors Meeting** – Fourth Wednesday of each month 7:30 a.m.; United Way building or Baskerville Donovan building
- BRACE Preparedness/Mitigation Committee Meeting** – First Thursday of each month • 8 a.m.; United Way building
- BRACE Programs and Services Leadership Meeting** – Second Thursday of each month 7:30 a.m.; United Way building
- BRACE Partnership Committee Meeting** – Second Thursday of each month • 11 a.m. United Way building
- BRACE Marketing Committee Meeting** – Third Thursday of each month • 4:30 p.m. United Way building
- BRACE CERT Sub-Committee Meeting** – Fourth Friday of each month • 12 p.m.; Location varies

Call Maralee at 444-7135 for details and updates.

Contact Us

BRACE welcomes your calls and emails. We can be reached at (850) 444-7135, or by email at BRACE@BeReadyAlliance.org.

Visit us at www.BeReadyAlliance.org for more tips and facts to help prepare you and your family in case of an emergency.

Leadership Opportunities with BRACE

Are you tired of sitting on the sidelines? BRACE needs your help to make a difference in our community! Support BRACE as a volunteer leader! [Click here](#) to learn more about the working committees that help keep BRACE active throughout Northwest Florida, and email brace@bereadyalliance.org to offer your expertise in an area that you enjoy.

Not sure how you can help? Contact BRACE and we'll match your experience and interests with a BRACE committee that can use your skills!



Good Luck Stephanie!

Stephanie Plancich has been the BRACE VISTA for the past year and has been amazingly successful in building the program. Stephanie aided in obtaining over \$600,000 in funding to support BRACE programs, increased organization partnership from 183 to 408, and acted as staff lead support and project manager for several community outreach events including the first BRACE Hurricane Hoedown.

Because of her outstanding success with BRACE, Stephanie will be serving as the VISTA Leader beginning in May, supporting the efforts of 15 VISTAs associated with the Escambia VISTA Coalition.

Stephanie will continue to be a BRACE Volunteer Leader for both the 2011 Hurricane Hoedown and the first Youth Emergency Preparedness Expo (YEP!) in September. BRACE will miss her daily involvement and expertise, but we wish her well in her new position!

Follow BRACE on Facebook

Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings with BRACE and CERT through Facebook! Go to facebook.com/bereadyalliance and click on Like! to follow us. (You must have a valid Facebook account.)

