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BRACE Kicks Off Northwest Florida Advanced Citizen Corps Academy *Uniting Communities Preparing the Nation*

Pensacola, Fla. – Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) will unite communities through education, training, and volunteer service to better prepare families to respond in times of emergencies and disasters through its annual Northwest Florida Advanced Citizen Corps Academy. Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies will host its annual Northwest Florida Advanced Citizen Academy on February 19-21, 2021.

The Academy will provide volunteers with a well-rounded and robust training experience consisting of seminars and hands-on exercises relating to National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS), medical triage, disaster psychology, first aid, counterterrorism, active shootings, communication systems, access and functional need support services (FNSS), and more. Citizen Corps volunteers have served in times of emergencies, such as Hurricane Ivan, the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the April 2014 floods, the 2016 damaging tornadoes in Century and Pensacola, and Hurricane Michael.

“The Northwest Florida Advanced Citizen Corps Academy is a great opportunity to participate in a variety of disaster training classes. Many are rarely offered in the area. The Academy will also provide volunteers and staff from organizations throughout the region a chance to train together in ‘blue skies,’ in anticipation of working together in a time of disaster or another emergency,” said Michelle Luckett, BRACE CEO.

Located at the Escambia County Public Safety, 6575 North W Street in Pensacola, the admission is FREE but registration is required. To register, applicants should go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northwest-florida-advanced-citizen-corps-academy-tickets-136292264833>

For those individuals traveling 50 miles or greater, BRACE is able to provide FREE hotel accommodations for the first 22 people who register. If local attendees would like to stay at a hotel, At Home Inn & Suites and Luxury Suites are available at two different rates of \$69 or \$79 per night. BRACE is grateful for the financial support of Escambia County Emergency Management and Gulf Power Foundation.

BRACE is excited to announce that instructors will include representatives from Santa Rosa County Emergency Management, American Red Cross of Northwest Florida, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Escambia County Search and Rescue, and SAFER Santa Rosa.

For more information on Northwest Florida Advanced Citizen Corps Academy, FAQs, registration, or housing accommodations, visit <https://www.bereadyalliance.org/nwfacca> or contact Citizen Corps Coordinator, Bailey Caulfield at citizencorps@bereadyalliance.org or (850) 739-3976.

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA ADVANCED CITIZEN CORPS ACADEMY

Uniting Communities, Preparing the Nation



Uniting Communities Preparing The Nation

Academy Details

Admission: FREE

Date: February 19, 20, 21, 2021

Place: Escambia County Public Safety Building

Register Here: www.bereadyalliance.org/nwfacca

About

The Northwest Florida Advanced Citizen Corps Academy is a two-and-a-half-day training conference centered around readiness, response, and recovery efforts in relation to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, storms, and disasters of all kinds.

This program will provide volunteers with a well-rounded and robust training consisting of seminars and hands-on exercises relating to National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS), medical triage, disaster psychology, first aid, counterterrorism, active shootings, communication systems, disabilities and functional need support services, and more.

COVID Guidelines

The Academy will follow CDC guidelines and protocols which includes maintaining social distance in each training room, issuing masks, and providing personal size hand sanitizer to every participant. BRACE will have staff on-site sanitizing regularly.

Contact

For more information, please contact our Citizen Corps Coordinator,
Bailey Caulfield

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Courses Offered

Disaster Psychology

Cybersecurity

Stop the Bleed

Active Shooter Exercise

Wilderness First Aid

HAM Radio Training

Basic Storm Spotter

Shelter Fundamentals

Search and Rescue Exercise

**Rehab/Helicopter Landing
Zone**

**Responder Rehab/Field
Exercise**

**The Role of the Faith-based
Community After a Disaster**

**Disabilities and Functional
Needs Panel**

**Protection in Disaster
Response during COVID**

Our Sponsors



Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE)



ABOUT:

BRACE is a community-based disaster coalition that leads emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts in Escambia County. We train and mobilize volunteers, and collaborate with local, regional, and national partners to ensure the disaster readiness of our community.

ORGANIZATION TYPE:

Non-profit

FOUNDED:

2006 following Hurricane Ivan and Dennis

MANAGEMENT:

Michelle Lockett | CEO

Lynn Dobry | VISTA Supervisor and Disaster Recovery Coordinator

Shannon Angelo | Programs, Services, and Grants Manager

Ashley Peck | Finance Support Manager

VISTAs | Volunteers in Service to America

Ariel Kent | VISTA Leader

Bailey Caulfield | Citizen Corps Coordinator

Paula Benson | Veteran Engagement Coordinator

Kimloy Adlam | Volunteer Engagement Coordinator

Hannah Pelham | Youth and Disabilities Coordinator

CynD Fann | Disaster Recovery Coordinator

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LOCATION:

Escambia County

150 W Maxwell Street Pensacola, Florida 32501

OUR MISSION:

Making our community disaster-resilient through public-private partnerships to educate, train, and engage donors and volunteers.

BRACE PROGRAMS:

Veteran Engagement

Youth and Disabilities

Citizen Corps | Neighborhood Watch, Advanced Citizen Corps Academy, Business Continuity, Faith-Based Community Engagement, Fire-fighter Rehab

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams)

Volunteer Engagement

Disaster and Recovery Planning

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS:

BRACE has developed lasting relationships with over 500 partners since 2006.

BRACE has reached over 100,000 individuals with emergency preparedness, training and education that will provide benefit to our community for at least a generation.

Since March 2006, BRACE has been recognized more frequently by FEMA's Individual & Community Preparedness Awards Program, "Promising Partnerships" and the John D. Solomon Preparedness Award, the highest presented through the program.

Registered, oriented, deployed and supported 950 volunteers to clean 32 miles of waterways of unnaturally occurring debris in response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Coordinated the efforts of over 1,900 volunteers that provided over 10,000 hours of volunteer service for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, over a sixty-day period.

Engaged partners and referred 120 volunteers to assist with the opening and operation of shelters during the 2017 Hurricane Season.

Coordinated the referral of over 400 volunteers to the American Red Cross to assist with sheltering and feeding for Hurricane Michael.

For more information on BRACE, visit <https://www.bereadyalliance.org/>

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