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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

## From the Desk of the President

IT'S CONFERENCE TIME!!!!!! Hope everybody is making plans to attend the conference in November, we as the officers are looking forward to bringing you a great conference this year. Jason has worked extremely hard on getting classes together. Ray has gone out of his way to bring some great and much needed FEMA classes. Chauncey, Tina and Jimmy as always work very hard in securing our vendors and I must say Thank You to Tina and Chauncey as soon as we realized the date change, they began immediately letting our vendors know and it will show off as always at the conference.

I do hope this finds everybody well. I want to thank the K-9 units and teams for taking on the task of looking at training and standards and are working hard on that. Would also like to send a big Thank You to Kenneth Kirkland from Alabama College Systems for working on our new agreement for the tuition reimbursement program to now cover all three levels of EMS. EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic. This is outstanding, such a great opportunity for some of our members. Please inquire on it and take full advantage, we don't want to lose this money. I am looking into other avenues for EMT training that I hope to share.

I also plan on presenting a very cost effective communication option to the Association. I am in the process of testing it now and really think this has a lot of benefit for the Association and Squads. Don't forget we will have election at conference for President. Candy and I will be your nominees and want to assure you if Candy is elected I will continue to press forward with things for the Association. Candy is very capable of continuing things for the Association. Until Conference, everybody stay safe and look forward to see all that can make the trip to our lovely Gulf Region. God Bless....

God Bless...  
Matthew Knight  
President



## From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

I hope everyone is doing well and surviving this heat. Be sure to keep yourself and members hydrated when on your missions. Hopefully we will get a break soon when Fall arrives.

We had a great turnout at the 3rd quarterly meeting in Athens. I would like to thank all the squads that were able to attend, and I would like to thank Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad for doing an outstanding job as always for hosting the meeting. And I must say the food that was provided was awesome!!

I appreciate all the dog teams that attended the round table discussion we had after the meeting. We appointed a committee to discuss and return with some proposed training recommendations for search dog teams that belong to the Association. We will be discussing this in more detail later.

Everyone please take advantage of the Volunteer Rescue Student Program for EMSP. This is a reimbursement program for EMT, Advanced EMT, as well as Paramedic. If we do not take advantage of these funds they could be redirected. Information is on our website or you can contact one of your Association officers.

We are looking forward to a great conference this year. The Association has worked hard to put together some great classes. Please sign up early or it will result in the classes having to be cancelled. While at conference I would like to meet with the membership committee to revamp our membership application. We are hoping to have a great turn out this year. Until then, be safe on your missions and do not forget this is your Association get involved and make a difference.

Brian Bailey  
1st Vice President

## From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Wow, it's a little over a month till conference and if you are like me you are ready for some cooler weather. I hope you signed up for some classes, if not you are missing out on some beneficial information that could help you and your squad. Also don't forget about the competitions at conference, we have had a decrease in participation and would like to see it back up. Get your teams together, you may teach somebody else something or learn something new yourself. You may get more than a trophy. We would like everyone at conference to come and enjoy and take part in the activities. Also remember the vendors and make sure you check out their products and tell them thank you. I hope to see everyone in November. I am already working on some classes for the spring, I would like to know who would be interested in taking a large animal rescue class and also who would be interested in hosting a farm rescue class. Remember to spend time with family, train hard and stay safe.

Jason Heard  
2nd Vice President

**ALL REQUESTS FOR AARS ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF YOUR COUNTY SHOULD COME FROM THE INCIDENT COMMANDER OF THE SCENE AND GO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting  
August 17, 2019  
Athens, AL

Colors posted by the Honor Guard.

Welcome by Chauncey Wood.

Guests speakers:

Connie – Southern Linc

Michelle – FirstNet

Kenneth Kirkland Tuition Reimbursement – EMT Program

Scot Kellenburger – Alabama Wildlife

John Merrill – Sec of State

Tom Butler – Senator Madison and Limestone Counties

Greg Wingo – Race Director – Great AL 650

Hoyt McCaghren opened with prayer.

Roll was called with 59 squads represented.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by LASAR. Motion was seconded by Sartec. Motion carried.

Financial report was read. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Carbon Hill. Motion was seconded by Ider. Motion carried.

Brian did not have any new squads to present. Brian spoke about PTSD and advised everyone to call him and he would put them in touch with someone to do a debrief.

Jason spoke about the classes for conference and reminded everyone that they do need to register for the classes.

Jason spoke about signing up for the competitions.

Rescuer of the Quarter was presented to Tony Taylor and Andrew Richey from Geraldine.

Athens - Limestone asked if there was any way to get the magazines sooner, advised working on trying to get them out sooner, but all articles and items to be put in magazine need to be in by the deadline for that to happen.

Danny Smith spoke about the grants and rewriting the rules about accepting grants twice a year and will be presented and voted on in November.

Danny Smith made a motion that for any squad that registers 4 people for the conference that the Association pay for another registration. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Johnny Warren with the nominating committee presented the recommendations from the nominating committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jason Heard

No nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Union to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Cullman County. Motion carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Brian Bailey

No nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Carbon Hill to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Athens-Limestone. Motion carried.

President – Matt Knight

Nomination from the floor – Candy Davidson

Motion to close was made by Union. Motion was seconded by Ider. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer is an appointed position and will be handled by the Executive Board at the conference.

Matt thanked Athens – Limestone for hosting the meeting and the Cowboy Kitchen for furnishing lunch.

Colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **2020 FIRST QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: JANUARY 1, 2020**

**ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE IS SUBJECT TO BE PLACED IN NEXT QUARTER'S MAGAZINE!**

\* **The Electronic Version contains the ads and articles and can be found on the AARS Website or by subscribing by sending an email to [rescuer@alars.org](mailto:rescuer@alars.org) please include your name and Squad.**

\* **THE EDITOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED**

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<http://www.alars.org>

## Human Remains Detection (HRD) Searches:

A Hard One for all SAR Teams

Ed Nicholas , EMT

Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit

SARTEC K-9 Unit

“Normal” searches, (if there is any such thing), can be frustrating and have their own problems for the Dog Team handlers and other SAR folks to deal with. HRD Searches, in rough country or in disasters, can be one of the most frustrating and hazardous to the health (both physical and mental) of those who work Search and Rescue.

In HRD cases, search team members may know initially that there will be no “live” find (Drownings, Disasters, Crime Scenes, etc). There are also those searches that result from a citizen finding possible human remains and a Dog Team is brought in to assist in finding more. The idea that we are still returning a person to their loved ones helps, but the simple fact of the matter is that HRD searches can be some of the most difficult and stressful searches a SAR Team member does.

There are those searches that start out as a search for a missing person but ends when the victim is found dead. These can be especially hard on the Teams as the hope is always there for a good outcome to the search. Unfortunately, that is a part of all Search and Rescue operations in general. The actions that must be taken upon the discovery of the missing person change drastically from live to dead. The location of the find becomes a Crime Scene and must be treated as such. The scene must be preserved for Law Enforcement, as death investigations are usually much more complex than a simple “find” of a live person. A more detailed examination of the scene and collection of evidence by Law Enforcement Investigators may be required. When in doubt you should treat any scene as a potential crime scene and try to disturb the site as little as possible. SAR teams should work to protect the scene – not collect evidence.

One of the things that can result from these searches is that dealing with what you see or do can be hard on anyone. Realizing that there can be emotional consequences to you and your teammates from these events is the first step in learning to take care of yourself and each other. This is a part of HRD searches that is usually not covered in training, but it is important. Learning how to deal with these scenes is critical for anyone that does Human Remains Detection work.

First, and foremost is TALK to each other, and realize that you are Not Alone! Some of the things you may be feeling, while they can hard to process, can be a normal part of dealing with these incidents. Everyone can be affected differently but the important thing to remember is that members of a Team are there to help take care of each other and that can be critically important in dealing with these operations.

### Critical Incident Stress Debriefing or “CISD”: a Process that Helps!

Many professional groups use this process: First Responders; EMTs; Paramedics; Nurses; Fire/Rescue; SAR Team members, etc who are exposed to traumatic events in the course of their work. It has been shown to be a great help in letting them know that everyone responds differently, which is OK and that there are tools and people available to help. THIS IS NOT A JUDGMENTAL PROCEDURE! It is a valuable resource that can help us all.

A “CISD” is small group supportive crisis assistance that helps members of the team support each other. It also lets members know that there are resources that can help. We know that there are times when team members will be involved in events that are hard on them emotionally and that everyone deals with trauma differently. The CISD session is set up under the guidance of a trained counselor and is done as quickly after the actual incident as feasible. Only those members who were involved will be present, with usually one person (Team member not involved in the event) there as a “peer” of the group there to provide background information and support.

The setting is private and should be done in a familiar location. The participants are arranged sitting in a comfortable circle and each person is asked to talk about what role they played in the incident and how this has affected them. A person can pass and not say anything until they have another chance to join in the discussion. As the session progresses, the “sharing” of each experience and the discussion of how the operation went helps each person to see what everyone else was doing and feeling. This is important. Sometimes the overall picture of the operation may not be readily apparent to everyone. It is this information plus input from all the participants that allows each team member to see what part they played in the whole operation, and helps build morale. It can also clear up misunderstandings that sometime occur due to lack of complete information. Having been involved in several CISD sessions in the past has taught me that this can be vital for all involved.

We all know that there are going to be Search and Rescue operations that, despite all the hard work of those involved, will not have a happy ending. When this happens, helping each other work through these times is critical to the wellbeing of all. And, after all, that is what Teamwork is all about.

**It's Been Awhile**  
**James Miller, ECRS**  
**08/18/2019**

Today Etowah County Rescue Squad did, "a man search training exercise" on 84 acres of mostly wooded mountain terrain with creeks, ponds, all the heat you could want & then some. Using four wheelers, gators and just foot soldier walking we worked four hours finding two lost and injured victims. During this simulation we rendered treatment and transported both of them to our holding station. It wasn't done without great amounts of perspiring but it was a needed experience for old members as well as new ones.

Earlier last month, we had some dive training which started because of interest from candidates who had been trained as dive tenders. Then other squads like Guntersville and Blount County Rescue squads' divers wanted to train with us in the Coosa.

So we had classes in pools, classrooms, shallow streams with good visibility to actually diving shallow in our Coosa River. After all this, we now have two new certified divers, plus one other diver advanced himself to the public safety diver status. One of the new divers is in the process of getting his advanced certification.

We have also had members answering the water patrol call outs for us a few times so far. We have asked and are waiting for the water patrol to come teach a water safety / boat license class in our building but he's informed us that the state (Montgomery office) doesn't have books in at this time.

A Big Shout out to our AARS the ECRS who held an Instructor CPR class at our building. I think three Rescue Squads sent two people to this class. We now have three AHA instructors in our squad.

Our divers and members worked with several different entities to aid Guntersville RS with their annual boat race which went off accident free. Great job everyone looks forward to next year's race!

We're doing lots of other training in house and online preparing for the upcoming unexpected.

Our members are mostly new in the search and rescue business but are eager and willing to learn. They are seeing what sacrifice means, to a rescue squad member. Sometimes you miss a lot of family fun times. Sometimes you sacrifice being at birthday parties, a wife or a girlfriend's pre-made plans, ball games, a good night's sleep in a warm dry bed and a meal . You S&R people know what I'm talking about!

Medical transports are a common thing around the ECRS now. For our crews that try doing them it can keep them busy but they sacrifice hours to meet the needs of others and still attend squad meetings and training sessions.

We find time and ways to volunteer even with obligations to our employer. It's true you can and will do what you want to! No other person makes the decisions. You are the one that comes up with the (reasons or excuses) to meet your obligations to the volunteer rescue squad you asked to be a part of!

Understanding is very important about the definition or meaning that goes to: sacrifices, obligations, & commitment!

Sum it up to... keeping your word!

I am a Search & Rescue Squad Volunteer and Mighty Proud of it!

2019 Conference  
Class Schedule

**Monday November 18, 2019**

0800 - 1200	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced CEU Modules	David Holcombe
1300 - 1700	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced CEU Modules	David Holcombe

**Tuesday November 19, 2019**

0800 - 1200	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced CEU Modules	David Holcombe
1300 - 1700	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced CEU Modules	David Holcombe

**Wednesday November 20, 2019**

0800 - 1200	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced CEU Modules CPR Instructor Course	David Holcombe Pat Gifford
1300 - 1700	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced CEU Modules CPR Instructor Course	David Holcombe Pat Gifford

**Thursday November 21, 2019**

0800 - 1200	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced, Basic CEU Modules CPR Instructor Course Crisis Management Awareness 148 Patient Assessment Lab	David Holcombe Pat Gifford FEMA Univ South Alabama
1300 - 1700	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced, Basic CEU Modules CPR Instructor Course Crisis Management Awareness 148 Patient Assessment Lab	David Holcombe Pat Gifford FEMA Univ South Alabama

**Friday November 22, 2019**

0800 - 1200	Paramedic, Intermediate, Advanced, Basic CEU Modules CPR Healthcare Provider Course Working with Media Awareness 209 Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Management Children's First Aid and CPR Class Rescue Rigging and Patient Packaging Man Tracking NASAR 3	David Holcombe Pat Gifford FEMA FEMA Mike Stone Huntsville Cave ALEA Luther Peebles
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# 2019 Conference Schedule

Friday November 21, 2019

Classes (See Class Schedule)	0800—1700
Conference Registration	1300—1700
EMS Competition	1800
<b>Seafood Boil</b>	<b>1830</b>
Rescue Challenge	1845
Rambling Rescue Cart Race	1930
Corn Hole Competition	1930

Saturday November 22, 2019

Conference Registration	0800—0945
Exhibits and Vendors	0800—1500
General Welcome	0900—0930
Guest Speakers	0930—1000
Board of Directors Meeting	1000—1130
Voting	1130—1230
Lunch	1130—1300
General Business Meeting	1300—1430
Awards Banquet (DOORS OPEN AT 1830)	1900
ALL SCRAPBOOKS MUST BE OUT	1000

## SCRAPBOOK CONTEST RULES

1. All entries must pertain to the Squad or Squad members and must be in neat form.
2. All scrapbook material must be from the current year.
3. Scrapbook must be bound. No entry will be accepted with the pages just stapled together.
4. All photos must be identified as to who is in the picture and what activity is shown. **PICTURES OF VICTIMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**
5. All entries must be displayed by 10:00am on Saturday November 23, 2019 and remain until 4:00pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
6. ***The decision of the Judges will be final.***

If you have any questions, please contact Editor Gwen Stone at (256) 364-0150 or e-mail at [editor@alars.org](mailto:editor@alars.org).

Any changes to these rules will be posted on the website and published in the Rescuer Magazine.

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## VOTING RULES

1. EACH REPRESENTATIVE MUST SHOW THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND SIGN THE VOTING REGISTRATION FORM INDICATING THEY ARE VOTING FOR THEIR SQUAD.
2. AFTER THE REPRESENTATIVE SIGNS REGISTRATION FORM, A BALLOT WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM INDICATING THE NUMBER OF VOTES THEIR SQUAD IS ALLOWED.
3. AFTER THE VOTING HAS CLOSED, THE VOTES WILL BE TALLIED FOR EACH CANDIDATE. TO AVOID A RUNOFF, ONE OF THE CANDIDATES MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES (51.1%).
4. AFTER THE VOTES HAVE BEEN COUNTED, EACH MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MUST CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.
5. IF A RUNOFF IS NECESSARY, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO AN ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE MADE THAT A RUNOFF IS NECESSARY.
6. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL THEN HOLD A RUNOFF ELECTION AND CERTIFY THE RESULTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS AT THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING.

## First Aid Contest Rules and Equipment List

Each team will consist of four members including a working captain. A roster of team members must be submitted.

The contest will consist of three parts:

1. A written test for all team members.
2. One rescuer CPR - Only one person from each team to compete, selected by the team captain.
3. A practical test consisting of multiple trauma victims, to include initial patient survey, vital signs, and treatment.

Each team is to furnish their own equipment and supplies. Judges will be selected from AARS membership. Team scores will consist of total scores for all three parts. The sequence in which teams compete will be determined by a drawing at the team meeting. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place.

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### EXTRICATION CONTEST RULES

- ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE.
- UNREGISTERED COMPETITORS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
- A TEAM MAY CONSIST OF UP TO FIVE MEMBERS.
- THE CAPTAIN MUST MAINTAIN CONTROL.
- THE JUDGES HAVE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE "PITS".
- NO TIMES WILL BE ASSESSED FOR A "FREEZE".
- THE TIMES WILL BE STOPPED AT 20 MINUTES.
- THE TOOLS FOR THE COMPETITION WILL BE FURNISHED. HOWEVER, IF YOU ELECT TO USE YOUR OWN TOOLS; PLEASE INFORM US AT THE CAPTAINS MEETING.
- ORDER OF COMPETITION WILL BE DRAWN FOR BY THE CAPTAINS.
- TEAMS MUST HAVE SUBMITTED ENTRY FORM BY OCTOBER 15TH.
- FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED
- UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT FROM ANY TEAM MEMBERS BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER CAN RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.
- THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL

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### Rambling Rescue Race Contest Rules

- PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED AT CONFERENCE.
- PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DRESSED IN FULL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR.
- MAXIMUM CART LENGTH 6'
- MAXIMUM 30" WIDTH (NOT INCLUDING WHEELS)
- 18" WHEEL MAXIMUM DIAMETER
- 300# MAXIMUM CART WEIGHT (NOT INCLUDING OCCUPANTS)
- NO MECHANICAL PROPULSION DEVICES
- ONE DRIVER PER CART
- ONE PUSHER PER CART (MUST BE RIDING ACROSS FINISH LINE)
- ORDER OF FINISH DETERMINED BY ORDER OF CROSSING FINISH LINE WITH 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE AWARDED ON FINAL RACE.
- NO APPEALS FOR COLLISION, INTERFERENCES, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED
- THIS IS DESIGNED TO BE A FUN CONTEST. CONTESTANTS MUST KEEP THAT IN MIND
- SQUADS MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE CART ENTERED BUT EACH CART MUST HAVE ITS OWN SEPARATE DRIVER AND PUSHER (NO ONE CART MAY BE ENTERED MORE THAN ONCE)
- EACH SQUAD AT THE CONVENTION WILL BE GIVEN ONE BALLOT TO CAST THEIR VOTE ON APPEARANCE; 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACES WILL BE DECIDED BY POPULAR VOTES RECEIVED.
- IF THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES EXCEEDS A SAFE NUMBER FOR ONE RACE; SEPARATE HEATS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH HEAT WINNERS BEING ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN FINAL RACE OR SUBSEQUENT HEATS FOR FINAL RACE.
- THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL



# AWR 148 - Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems

Orange Beach, AL / November 21, 2019

AWR 148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents – Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems is an 8-hour, DHS-approved course designed to educate rural law enforcement personnel as well as school administrators and staff on the elements that would allow for an effective response to school-based emergencies. Schools in small, rural, and remote areas across the country account for almost 23 percent of the total student population (more than 11 million students). Rural schools, law enforcement, and other emergency responders are often limited in resources, so it is imperative that all potentially affected parties collaborate on planning, preparing, communicating, responding, and recovering from a school-based incident.

This **tuition-free** course is beneficial for rural police and sheriff departments, school administrators, school resource officers, counselors, EMA, fire, first responders and others involved in school safety and security.

Topics covered include:

- Introduction to Incident Planning and Preparedness
- Proactive Threat Mitigation
- Incident Response
- Incident Recovery
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Threat Assessment Management
- Incident Defusing and Debriefing
- Parent Reunification
- Anniversaries, Memorials, “Copy-Cats”

\*Please note all Non-U.S. citizens need to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request Form by October 21, 2019 in order to attend this course. Contact John Kayser with any questions.



**Training sponsored by:**  
**Alabama Association of Rescue Squads**

**Training site:** Wharf Convention Center  
4671 Wharf Pkwy.  
Orange Beach, AL 36561

**Date:** November 21, 2019

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Prerequisites:** U.S. Citizenship\*

## Registration Deadline: November 7, 2019

To register, please visit our website:

<https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2019-11-21-awr148-orangebeach-al-001/>

Please sign-up no later than November 7, 2019 as a minimum of 20 registrations must be received by this date in order to confirm the class will be held. Should you have any questions regarding the facility or location please contact Ray Hogans at 251-747-1451 or [boots1@gulftel.com](mailto:boots1@gulftel.com).

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For more information about this course, please contact John Kayser at [Kayser@findlay.edu](mailto:Kayser@findlay.edu) or 419-434-5814.





# AWR 209 Working with the Media: A Short Course for Rural First Responders

Training offered at **NO COST!!**



*AWR 209 Working with the Media: A Short Course for Rural First Responders* is a seven-hour tuition-free course designed to provide rural first responders with the skills and knowledge to quickly adopt the role of public information officer (PIO) if/when needed and to communicate with the public through the media. Many rural first responder organizations do not have a full or part-time PIO on staff. Therefore, in the event that a first responder is thrust into the role of PIO, whether it be roadside at the scene of an emergency or detailing directions to the public in a crisis situation, it is important to understand how the media works and how best to work with the available media outlets.

#### Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- Utilizing the media in emergency and public awareness situations.
- Working with the media at the scene of an emergency.
- Anticipating what news agencies want from the responders at the scene of an emergency.
- Giving interviews that work.
- Writing effective news releases that will be read.

*\*Please note all foreign nationals need to complete a Department of Homeland Security Foreign National Visitor Request Form in order to attend this course.*

Register for your FEMA Student Identification number at:  
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## Friday, November 22, 2019

Registration Deadline: November 8, 2019

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Training Sponsored by:

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Training Site

Wharf

4671 Wharf Parkway, Orange Beach, AL 36561

Sign-in begins: 7:30am

Class time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Prerequisites: U.S. Citizenship

## Registration

[Click here to register](#)

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[www.ruraltraining.org](http://www.ruraltraining.org)

*Students who successfully complete training will receive an RDPC certificate in approximately 6-8 weeks after training.*

For information about course content or how to obtain a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request Form contact the RDPC at: [helpdesk@ruraltraining.org](mailto:helpdesk@ruraltraining.org) or 877-855-RDPC (7372)



# MGT 403 Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities



## Friday, November 22, 2019

Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration Deadline: November 8, 2019

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Training Site:

**Wharf Conference Center  
4671 Wharf Parkway  
Orange Beach, AL 36561**

This is an eight-hour planning and management-level course. The purpose of this course is to ensure the safety of older adults, particularly those residing in assisted-living and nursing homes, and people with access and functional needs during a crisis event by increasing knowledge among community emergency planners in the area of pre-planning and preparedness.

It is important to encourage outreach to the whole community so that everyone is aware that these individuals may require personalized care, transportation, shelter, and medical assistance that must be considered before the crisis occurs. This course focuses on the preparedness phase of emergency management.

Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- Review of Common Programs and Continuity Resources
- Partnerships
- Individual Considerations
- Community Considerations
- Care Provider Considerations
- Preparedness and Response Tabletop Activity and Evaluation

Prerequisites: US Citizenship

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## Registration

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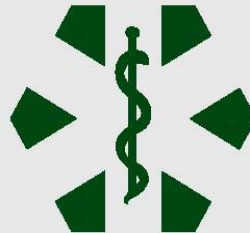
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