

Washoe County



PETS America

Washoe County MRC is happy to announce that we are in the planning stages of partnering with PETS America. This non-profit group is headquartered in Austin, Texas, and is expanding throughout the U.S.

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PETS America was created to educate the public about disaster preparedness for their pets, teach them how to provide

emergency first aid to their pets, and to ensure that people are allowed to evacuate with their animals during disasters by working with emergency management agencies to create and manage pet friendly shelters.

In its three year history PETS America has accomplished some pretty amazing things: educated more than 6,000 veterinarians, emergency managers and pet owners; developed a Pet First Aid and Disaster Preparedness curriculum; and sheltered over 250 pets in 21 shelters

during Hurricane Ike. Their 2009 projects include publishing disaster sheltering manuals for emergency managers and volunteers and developing Pet Incident Management Teams for disaster deployment.

We look forward to working with PETS America!



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Thank you, Dierdre!

MRC Members Attended ICS 300 and 400 Training

A number of our volunteers recently completed intermediate and advanced Incident Command System training at the Regional Emergency Operations Center in Reno.

These courses build upon what's learned in ICS 100, 200 & 700, and are designed to

prepare individuals to serve in higher level (i.e. Unit Leader & above) Incident Command positions.

ICS 300 & 400 are only offered as classroom trainings, not online. You are eligible to attend after completing ICS 100, 200 and 700.

(Not shown in photo—Michelle Pagel, RN attended ICS 400.)



From left to right: Dr. Fadi Esmaeel (instructor), Dr. George Hess, Dierdre McKinnon, Charles Hill, and Kelia Boormad

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Orientation meetings

If you haven't been to an orientation meeting yet, please plan to attend one of the following sessions:

April 16, 12:00-1:00 pm (feel free to bring a lunch)

April 16, 5:15-6:15 pm

April 18, 10:00-11:00 am

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other MRC volunteers. You will also have your photo taken and ID badge printed.

Please **RSVP** (email to dbarone@washoecounty.us, or call 328-6111) so we'll know how many people to expect at each session and can reserve the appropriate meeting space. Meetings will be at the Health District, 1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. B, Reno.

Volunteers building strong, healthy and prepared communities.

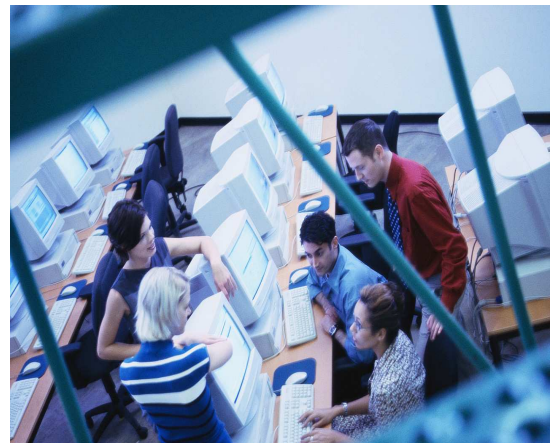
Upcoming ICS 100, 200, 700, & 800 Training

These courses will be offered, free of charge, at the Regional Emergency Operations Center, 5195 Spectrum Blvd., Reno. You may take any or all of the courses.

The schedule is as follows:

- April 20:** ICS 700, 8:00 am - noon
ICS 100 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- April 21:** ICS 200, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (with a break for lunch)
- April 22:** ICS 800, 8:00 am to noon

To register, contact **Cathy Ludwig, 337-5859, or cludwig@washoecounty.us**. Spaces are filling up fast!



Thank you, Dierdre!

I want to give a special shout-out to Washoe County MRC Volunteer, Dierdre McKinnon. Thanks to Dierdre, our unit now has the beginnings of a FEMA courses library, including: IS 100.A, IS 200.A, and IS 700. The complete courses have been printed (in color) and put into binders. Many people prefer to read the material from hard copy, and then log-on to the FEMA website to take the exam. Dierdre's efforts will help our unit to fully comply with National Incident Management System Guidelines by making it even easier for our members to complete the required Incident Command System courses. If you'd like to borrow any of the binders, just let me know.

Debra Barone, Program Coordinator