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## **Corner Store Conversations**

July's been a somewhat tedious month although we did have some excitement with Alberto splashing his way through the Gulf didn't we?

For your reading pleasure this month, we have assembled a collection of Florida SART updates on training requirements, posted documents, and trivia contest winners. Many thanks again to those whose submissions were received for the trivia contest.

Also included are some newly discovered Internet resources.

Keep moving on your preparedness plans (it's not too late to put your kits and plans together!) and we shall see you in August!

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## **Advisory Board June 2006 Meeting Minutes Available Online**

The minutes of the last quarterly Advisory Board meeting have been posted to the Florida SART Web page.

To access the minutes, log in to your SART Member account and look under Member Only Information.

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## **FL SART Field Responder Training Requirements**

An important stride was made by SART toward becoming NIMS compliant. Following a discussion and recommendation from the Curriculum Committee at June's Advisory Board meeting, a vote was conducted among board members to determine whether or not to require successful completion of ICS 100, ICS 200, and IS 700 incident command system courses.

The vote unanimously supported requiring all field responders to show proof of successful passage of the abovenamed three incident command system courses. There are several course variations and prefixes that are available: FEMA, Division of Forestry, USDA, etc. There is no current stipulation on whose course is preferred. FEMA courses are convenient, self-paced, and online. Forestry courses are more hands on. FEMA courses can be accessed at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. USDA courses are available through the FL SART Web site at [http://www.flsart.org/library/atm\\_sart.htm](http://www.flsart.org/library/atm_sart.htm). The Florida Division of Forestry course calendar is online at [http://www.fl-dof.com/training\\_education/training\\_schedule.html](http://www.fl-dof.com/training_education/training_schedule.html).

Proof of successful completion includes a copy of the completion certificate or a letter from the granting agency/organization stating completion was successful and a certificate will be mailed.

This training requirement is effective immediately, so do not delay in completing your coursework.

NIMS, or the National Incident Management System, has set forth year-by-year compliance requirements for states who wish to be reimbursed with federal emergency funds.

For more information on this field responder requirement, you may contact Dr. Greg Christy, Emergency Coordinating Officer for ESF17 and SART Advisory Board Co-Chair.

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## **Tropical Cyclone Advisory Mailing Lists**

Ten tropical cyclone advisory lists are available by email from the National Hurricane Center (NHC). The lists are arranged by region with the choice of receiving just the public advisories, forecasts, and advisories; the Tropical Weather Outlook; or both.

To sign up visit the NHC Web site at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/signup.shtml>.

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## **NEMA 2006 Annual Conference**

To be held in Orange Beach, Alabama September 18-22, 2006. Organized by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), this conference provides an opportunity for emergency managers to come together to discuss the many challenges that face the community today, share solutions, grow professionally, and network with peers. Attendees will hear from those involved in shaping the future of homeland security and emergency management, strengthen relationships with partner organizations, and discuss NEMA's views on all-hazards emergency preparedness with the leadership in Washington. To learn more about this year's conference visit <http://www.nemaweb.org/?1590>.

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## **Firewise Learning Center**

The Firewise Communities program has created the Web-based Firewise Learning Center to encourage self-paced learning on a variety of topics. The site will offer free courses that feature video, lectures, and interactive quizzes and tests. Two courses are currently available, Firefighter Safety and Firewise Landscaping.

Check out the Learning Center at [http://www.firewise.org/fw\\_youcanuse/learningcenter/](http://www.firewise.org/fw_youcanuse/learningcenter/).

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## **New NASA Hurricane Posters Available Online**

Two new informative hurricane posters are now online at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Web site. One poster features Hurricane Katrina and the other, titled "Spin Cycle: Hurricane Energetics," highlights the various components of a hurricane as observed by NASA satellites. Follow [http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/lookingatearth/hurricane\\_posters.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/lookingatearth/hurricane_posters.html) to directly access the posters.

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## **June Trivia Contest Winners**

Two entries into June's trivia contest sported correct answers. Being that only two had correct answers (and that we were feeling generous ☺), we have decided to award authors of the two entries SART goodie bags.

Congratulations to Ms. Alexandra Taylor of Milton and Mr. Martin Allen of North Port for successfully solving the quiz!

For those who missed the question, readers were challenged to name three of the five hurricane names retired at the conclusion of the 2005 hurricane season. Answers could be selected from Dennis, Katrina, Wilma, Stan, and Rita. These storms, all players in the historic 2005 Atlantic hurricane season, were retired by the international hurricane committee of the World Meteorological Organization.

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## **About the SART Sentinel**

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If you have a story or photo that you would like to have considered for publication in *The SART SENTINEL*, contact the Editors.

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## **Tip of the Month!**

### ***Do 1 Thing***

Do 1 Thing is a 12-month preparedness program developed by a collaboration of governments and nongovernmental organizations in three counties in Michigan. It focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month and provides a range of preparedness options for each topic. It is designed to improve community disaster resiliency by moving individuals through the process of disaster preparedness from awareness to intention to action.

Find out more at [www.do1thing.us/](http://www.do1thing.us/).



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