



Ready or Not?

Disaster Preparedness Workshop for Non-Profits

Thursday, September 25, 2008

8:15 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Albany Technical College

The Kirkland Building

1704 S. Slappey Blvd.

Albany, GA

Ready or not...Disasters can happen at any time.

You are invited to attend the United Way of Southwest Georgia's first annual 2-1-1 Disaster Preparedness Workshop. The training will be held on Thursday, September 25, at Albany Technical College's Kirkland Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Conference presenters and organizers will be available to the media during break times: 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.; 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; 1:25 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

The intent of this workshop is to provide resources and information to area nonprofit agencies and other organizations so that when a crisis occurs they will be ready with a plan to continue offering their services with minimum interruption.

Alicia Jackson, 2-1-1 information and referral specialist with United Way of Southwest Georgia's 2-1-1, said, "We wanted to reach out to a segment of the community who provide important, even critical services in our area, but who typically do not think in terms of what to do should their operations be interrupted due to a disaster like inclement weather or a flu pandemic. With this workshop we are bringing in experts to give them the tools and skills to address these situations before they happen."

Sponsored by United Way's 2-1-1 and Southwest Georgia Public Health District 8-2, the workshop will include presentations from staff of The National Weather Service; the American Red Cross, Southwest Georgia Chapter; and the Albany/Dougherty Emergency Management Agency. Participants will be given information on disaster communication procedures; home disaster survival kits; cooking without electricity; an influenza pandemic; and preparing and implementing a business continuity plan.