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Faith and Community Based Organizations Play A Vital Role In Hurricane Recovery Gulf County Florida

Port St Joe Florida – “Our churches and community organizations will play a very important role in helping Gulf County residents recover from the next hurricane”. These are the words of Gulf County’s Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson.

While FEMA along with various state agencies provide some support for a community to recover, it will be the local churches and non-profit organizations that will make the difference during the days, weeks and months following a hurricane.

In early July a fictional category two hurricane will make landfall along Gulf County’s shoreline disrupting the lives of county residents and destroying or damaging most of the homes in Port St Joe, Wewahitchka and rural Gulf County.

In the aftermath of this fictional storm the county’s faith and community abased organizations will work with various governmental agencies in an effort to rebuild Gulf County.

The fictitious storm is called Hurricane Resurgence and on July 8 from 9:00AM through 12:00PM Gulf County’s churches, civic clubs and community organizations are asked to participate along with the county’s government agencies in a powerful disaster learning opportunity known as a Tabletop Exercise.

“Emergency response personnel use tabletop exercises as a means to enhance their ability to help during disasters.” according to Marshall Nelson. “During Hurricane Resurgence our county’s churches

and community organizations will have an opportunity work through the actual actions that will have to be undertaken following a hurricane.

For additional information please log onto the following web site:

www.drc-group.com/exercise/resurgence

or call Gulf County's Emergency Management Department.

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