

FLSARC NEWS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

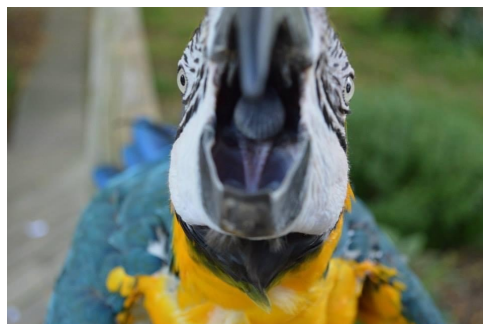


Flagler Humane Society
Awareness Level 1 Class
January 28 2023

Introducing Ailigh Vanderbush, the FL SARC Manager and saying goodbye to Megan Allan.

Megan said good-bye to SARC at the end of September and we give her a special **Shout Out** for all of her hard work and we hope to send her on deployments for SARC.

Ailigh comes to SARC and SPCA Florida with over 20 years in animal care in shelters, sanctuaries, and working with the public.. She has worked in animal behavior and training for all of that time but also has experience with exotic animals we well as wildlife and domestic species. Ailigh was in Reno, NV and Santa Barbara, CA during wildfires helping move animals before and after and was most recently deployed in a pet shelter during hurricane Ian. Ailigh is excited to be involved with SARC and helping all of you continue to grow and develop. Currently Ailigh shares her home with a Blue & Gold Macaw named Giligan, a Rottweiler mix called Tonka, a Catahoula mix called Maikoh and her partner Tom.



Thank you to our volunteers from our Nevada and Hurricane Ian Deployments!

**Florida SARC does not exist without volunteers like you!
Our special thanks goes to:**

Adam Jackson
Steven Carriere
Steven Hutra
Erik Olmer
Travis Jones
Kathleen Fleck

Hope Thomas
Brenden Egan
Gloria Casey
Lisa Seeley
Laura Miller
Mr & Mrs McCoy
Jeff Donahue

Sarah Branston
Elaine Anthony
Sharon Louis
Rachael Gabriele
Tod Stephens
Army of Pets

SRAC volunteers in Nevada

Florida SARC deployed to Nye County Nevada to assist with a cruelty case involving 300 large breed dogs. Our very own Adam Jackson who spent an extended period assisting Nye County and the ASPCA. We had a few more volunteers scheduled to assist, but Ian derailed their plans and they were able to help locally



Florida SARC helps locally as Hurricane Ian hits South Florida.

Florida SARC volunteers have logged over 600 hours assisting with shelters in Venice and Englewood not to mention the hours logged and the invaluable assistance from Steven Carriere immediately after the storm hit. Steven was responsible for logistics at Incident Command and made sure all donations were sent to the right places and managed mission requests as they came in!

Is your Volgistics Profile up to date? Does it even exist?! Don't forget - the only way to hear about our deployments is to have an up to date Volgistics profile! Once you complete your Awareness Level training, be sure to sign up for a Volgistics Account so you get notifications when Florida SARC is called into action.

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Even if you only have a minute to add the basics, be sure to create your account so you hear about future opportunities!

Has it been a while since you checked on your account? Take a minute to ensure your details are correct in case you are called into action! Some things to check include:

- Your Email Address
- Your Emergency Contact
- Your skills, experience and certifications

[**Sign Up for Volgistics**](#)

[**Update your Volgistics**](#)

Welcome to our New Team Members!

Osceola County
Alexandra Milazzo
Lori Corbett
Josh Davidson
Miranda Lucas
Shehnaz Shah
Carmen Torres

Online EMACV
Ashley Allard
Elizabeth Bedwell
Linda Bradley
Shannon Headley
Melissa Heard
Gary Heiser
Sara Lutz
Anna Mooney

Pompano Civic Center
Fred Balestrieri
David Brown
Michelle Cohen-Rosslee
Jennifer Dow
Norma Edwin
Jennie Hendry
Jill Jevnikar
Samantha Kaplan
Theresa Mackie
Josefa Faith Marcoleta
Fern Resnick-Camerson
Terra Reynolds
Aerial Saunders
Kaitlin Spehr
Terri Thompson-Gomez
Amanda Vecchio
Lesley Washecka
Tom Savoca
Erik Olmer
Angela Laurella

Jefferson County
Julie Moodoyan
Sarah Branston
Frank Kolb II
Cristen Califf
Christa Moody
Anne Boland
Paula Carroll
William Demington



FL SARC Invited to instruct Virginia Animal Response and Emergency Management Staff

By Steve Carriere, FL SARC Instructor

Partnerships are essential to any organization achieving success in its field, whether it is emergency management or animal rescue. Florida State Animal Response Coalition is fortunate to have volunteers and staff trained in both fields and have developed strong professional relationships with many people and organizations since its creation in 2011. FL SARC has developed a well-trusted reputation as leaders in disaster sheltering education and enhanced emergency response partnerships in



and out of the state of Florida. In addition, FL SARC has taught hundreds, if not thousands, of students since its inception in 2011. Its goal has been, and is, to be the gold standard in emergency disaster response involving sheltering for companion animals. FL SARC offers the best in-class training by highly qualified and experienced instructors for Level 1 Awareness and Level 2 Operations classes featuring FEMA authorized training material used to develop a well rounded, educated, and experienced volunteer base. Successful completion of training allows FL SARC to provide volunteers qualified to support shelter operations, and in some cases, lead teams during disaster response. In fact, FL SARC is the ONLY animal disaster organization in the country authorized to teach both Level 1 and Level 2 courses!

So it was no surprise when state partners from Virginia, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, the Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia and Louisa CART (Community Animal Response Team) reached out to ask us to deliver our Level 1 and Level 2 trainings to the region. Led by instructors Andy Bass, Steve Carriere, and Michelle Newton, the team held training for over 60 students over the course of 5 days, including hosting a Zoom Level 1 class one week prior to the in-



person training. Two Level 1 Awareness classes were held in Henrico and Chesterfield VA, with students of all walks of life, both volunteers and professionals, given instruction covering basic shelter operations, incident command system protocols, animal behavior, disease control, deploying, demobilizing, and finally returning home safely while understanding the importance of self-care. By week's end, over 60 students were trained and certified to respond as members of FL SARC.



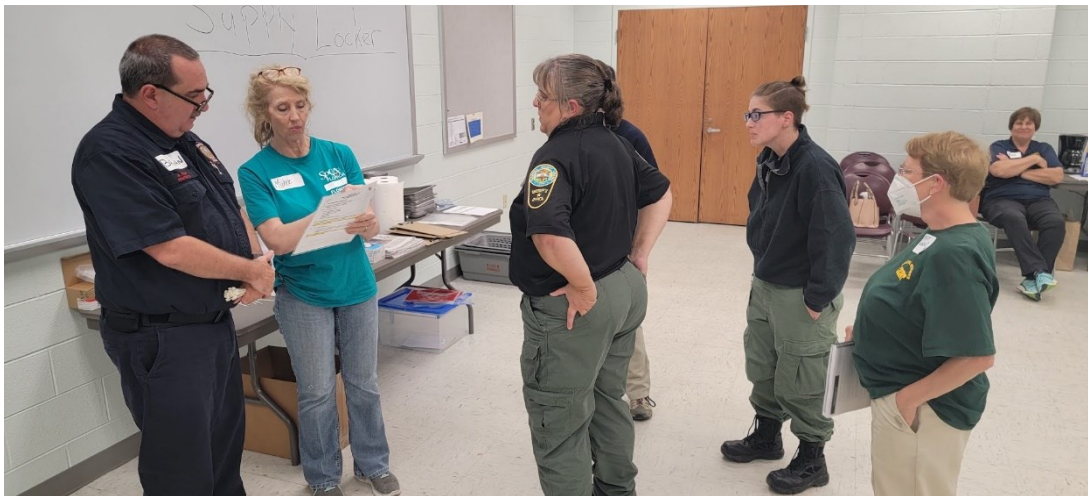


Andy Bass evaluating students on their shelter scenario for Level 1

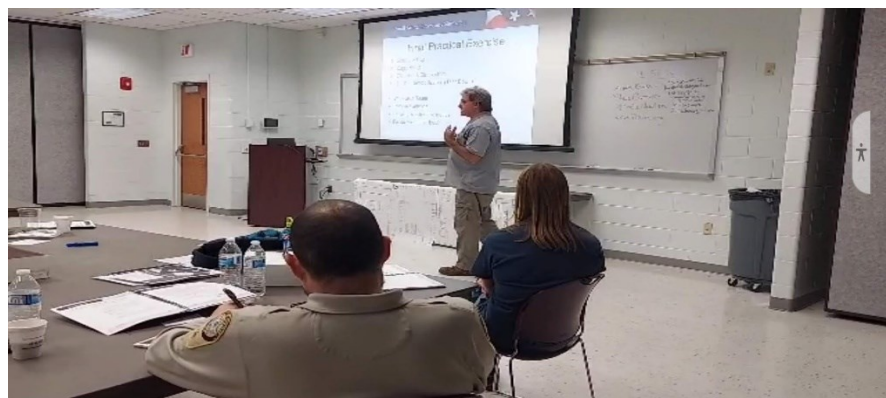
Level 2 Operations covered topics more in depth than Level 1, including volunteer management, supply and logistics, incident command structure, public affairs, developing infection control plans, and more.

The training immediately paid off within a few weeks when members of FL SARC were asked to support disaster shelter operations in Kentucky just two weeks later. One of our Chesterfield students who just completed both Level 1 and Level 2 courses joined our responders in Louisville to assist with daily shelter care for over 20 dogs rescued from the Kentucky floodwaters!

Instructor Michelle Newton covering the shelter scenario for Level 1 in Chesterfield VA



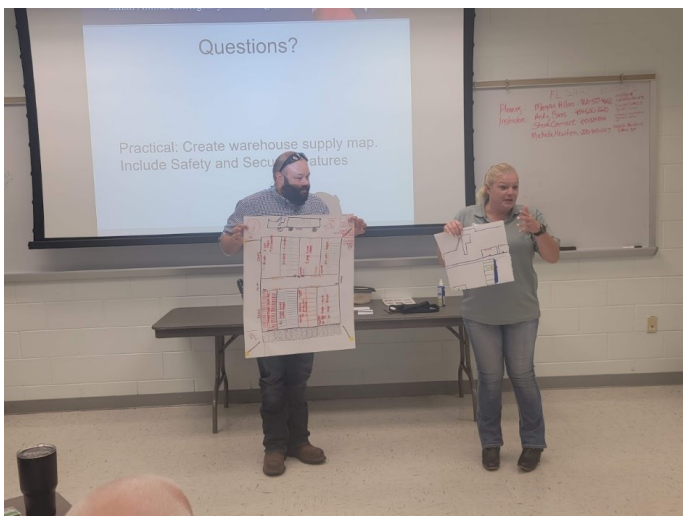
Outside the Chesterfield VA Training Complex, a piece of steel from the Twin Towers, NYC, recovered after the 9-11 attacks.



Steve Carriere going over some last minute instruction before the Level 1 practical exercise in Chesterfield VA



Level 1 (bottom) and Level 2 (top) class, Chesterfield VA



Students discussing supply and logistics during the Level 2 course, Chesterfield VA



Regional Classes in Virginia

Pamela Bridgmon
Tracy Brown
Paige Castello
Christina Clark
Tammy Doran
Paul Hundley
Lisa Moseley
Woman {endarvis
Dana Rieves
Janice Rowley
Taylor Skeens
Linda-Jacqueline Temple
Carol Woodward
Brian Wootton
Sandra Black
Mary Barcena
Sarah Barkdull
Christine Boczar
Chris Bruce
Theresa Bumberger
Lisa Chaffee
Lydia Easter
Brian Foley
Annalisa Hosein
Theresa Jenkins
Carrie Jones
Mary Lou Legg
Gregory Long
Matthew Miller
Spencer Murray
Patricia Noble
Chris Riviere
Carol Smith
Virginia Strong
Terry Turner
Amanda Weaver
Robert Williams

And Congratulations to our New Operations Level Graduates!

Ashlee Allard
Steven Ayres
Sandra Back
Elizabeth Bedwell
Christine Boczar
Linda Bradley
Chris Bruce
Lydia Easter
Shannon Headley-Bryan
Melissa Heard
Theresa Jenkins
Carrie Jones
Gregory Long
Matthew Miller



Anna Mooney
Spencer Murray
Danielle Mychajlonka
Patricia Noble
Ann Reed
Christopher Riviere
Virginia Strong
Amanda Weaver
Robert Williams
Anthony Zych

Expand your knowledge with Fear Free Shelters!

The goal of the Fear Free Shelter Program is to improve the experiences of animals by educating shelter, rescue, and animal welfare employees and volunteers like you about their emotional needs. We aim to empower you to apply key strategies and techniques designed to reduce the negative emotional states that are commonly experienced by shelter and rescue animals—including fear, anxiety, stress (FAS), and frustration—and increase their enrichment opportunities. The Fear Free Shelter Program provides training suitable for all of the individuals involved in the care and oversight of shelter and rescue animals

[Check out the FREE Class](#)

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