



Florida SARC News

News, Updates, and Important Information from FL SARC to our volunteers and supporters

Because the ENTIRE Family Matters!



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SHOP FL SARC!!

We have Tshirts and other cool items for you, and are looking to add more items!

Your purchases help fund the program and can even help sponsor a class, cover lunches, and more!



GO here to see what's available:

<https://flsarc.org/shop>

From the Manager's Desk

Greetings everyone! We have a lot to cover this issue! First, we wanted to share that the ASPCA approved our grant application for a disaster response trailer! This is great news and an exciting moment for our program!

We are also moving forward with our ambassador program. We've identified 6 SARC volunteers willing to represent our program in various parts of the state.

Preparations and meetings continue as we gear up to participate in our first statewide disaster exercise in over 6 years! But we need you, disaster responders, to be prepared and ready to be deployable!

Finally, change is constant - but this is where your feedback is important! Surveys were sent asking for input on suggested name and logo changes. To date we've received about 180 responses. If you have thoughts on this, contact me to get the survey link. Thank you for all you do!

Steve Carriere, Manager

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Our History

Florida State Animal Response Coalition, more commonly known as FL SARC, was formed in 2010 in partnership with the Florida State Agricultural Response Team (www.flsart.org) to provide a disaster response function supporting Florida's pet friendly sheltering needs during disasters.

The impact was immediate. Team members responded to four major disaster events, including the 2012 Caboodle Ranch hoarding case in Jacksonville FL, caring for over 697 sick, injured and neglected felines with support from coalition partners, including the ASPCA and Humane Society US. Moving ahead, SARC provided emergency pet sheltering support for 6 Florida hurricanes and supported several hoarding cases and puppy mill rescues over several years. In 2020 SARC responded to the Covid Pandemic with the development of interactive online Level 1 and Level 2 video courses, allowing students to train virtually anywhere in the world.

SARC resumed in person training in 2021 then delivered our Level 1 and 2 courses in August 2022 to over 80 Richmond VA emergency management professionals and students. Within days, SARC deployed responders to support the ASPCA during the Kentucky Flooding Disaster, then returned home for Hurricane IAN donation management and sheltering response. Over \$1 million in state and national donations were received and distributed in just under two weeks. Twenty five SARC volunteers contributed over 1200 man hours valued at over \$36,400. After 12 years, over 4000 SARC students have graduated from our courses, with nearly 1000 of them registering as disaster responders.

Our Value to YOU

- Over 950 registered disaster responders
- Volunteer hours to date: 47,575
- Miles Traveled: 216,757
- Volunteer Hours Value: \$1,427,250
- Miles Value: \$ 141,975
- Classes Held: 250+
- Students Trained: 4,500+
- Instructors Trained: 50+

**As of 12 Jan 2024



Interested in sponsoring a SARC course, sponsoring students, or helping us be disaster ready? Do you want to help your community or program?

Contact SARC Manager Steve Carriere at scarriere@sPCAflorida.org for more details, or donate below:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/fsar/>

SARC Relocates Equipment

After several years of our equipment being stored in Bushnell, SARC coordinated efforts with other volunteers and rescue programs to make alternate storage available for over \$130,000 worth of animal crates and disaster response equipment.

A huge debt of gratitude goes out to Ronnie Graves for being willing to hold our supplies, as well as donate his own equipment, to SARC. The massive amount of supplies donated allowed us to assist other programs and organizations from Tennessee to Louisiana, including shelters here in Florida.

The following programs received support from SARC since Sept 2023:

- **Lake City Humane Society** - 30 medium airline carriers
- **Animal Rescue Corp (Bissell Foundation)** 260+ med/large/XL wire crates and airline carriers



Loading up the Bissell Truck for Animal Rescue Corp



Small Delivery headed to Baton Rouge LA



Another load to Louisiana, St. Landry Parish Animal Control, Dec 2022

- **Humane Society Naples** - 140+ small/med/large/XL wire crates
- **St. Landry Parish Animal Control, Opelousas LA (Bissell)** - 64 medium/large wire crates
- **Companion Animal Alliance, Baton Rouge** - 60+ medium airline carriers
- **SPCA of Ocala** - 10 48" airline crates



SARC crew working HARD at the warehouse!



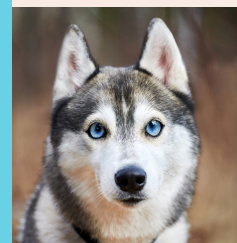
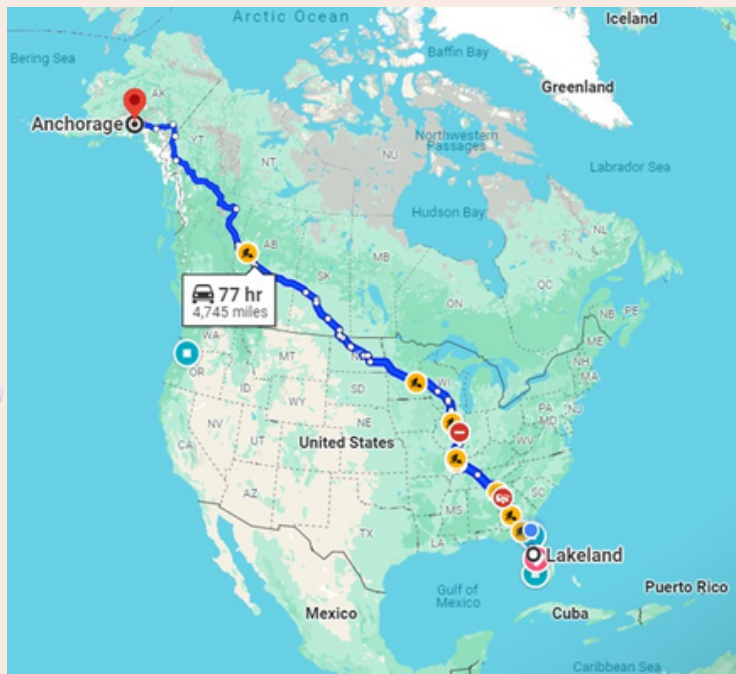
Offloading at Humane Society Tampa Bay, Dec 2022

Thanks to partnerships with Humane Society Tampa Bay and Humane Society Naples, SARC will temporarily stage equipment until another location can be identified. If you are a SARC partner and have space available to help us strategically stage our equipment in the northern, northwest, or east coast of Florida, contact the SARC Manager to coordinate.



Humane Society Naples receiving a donation of supplies and holding onto SARC supplies, Dec 2022

SARC Asked to Train - in ALASKA!



SARC has trained in many locations throughout Florida and the U.S. over the years. Recently we were contacted by animal control staff in Valdez, Alaska inquiring about our sheltering training and how it could help the community when disasters strike. Alaska is prone to many disasters unheard of in Florida. Given many communities are in remote locations, pet sheltering resource access for the communities and public is very scarce. The need for pet friendly sheltering and support is even more important to keeping families and pets together.

We've put together a proposal which will hopefully bring our Level 1 Awareness and Level 2 Operations courses to Anchorage in September 2024! This will be the farthest location SARC has ever brought our FEMA approved, and Florida state certified, courses!! But....we need YOUR help!

SARC would like to raise \$10,000 to go towards travel and course expenses to bring this training to Anchorage. Students will include local residents, community emergency managers, local animal shelter staff, volunteers, and the public.

We are working with other potential funding sources but need your support! You are very important to the success of this opportunity and the viability of SARC! Please consider donating or sponsoring SARC by clicking the image below, or going to the link shown:

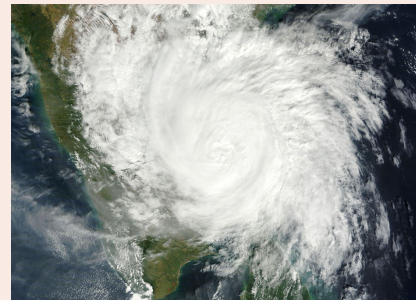


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Thank you for all you do - Because the ENTIRE Family Matters!

2024 Disaster Exercise Update!

After much discussion and input from many organizations and county governments, the next Florida State Disaster Exercise for 2024 will be held in **Marion County!!** This is our first exercise in nearly 7 years! Tentative time frame will be after the 4th of July holiday. SARC figures to be a major key player in this exercise and will need team leads, so brush up on those animal sheltering skills, get familiar with your ICS concepts, and be prepared to drill! Once we have exact dates, a sign up link will be created for you to register. We also have upcoming classes you can attend for free! Check out the upcoming class list on page 7. Finally, we will assist responders to help you become deployable so you can participate in the drill! See the information below about how to update your profiles.



SARC BY THE NUMBERS

As of March 6, 2024

The numbers below reflect where SARC is for deployment readiness and statewide support. We are seeing progress with our number of trained responders but we still have a long way to go to ensure as many of our responders are ready to deploy. See the numbers below, and read the column to the right to learn how to update this information.

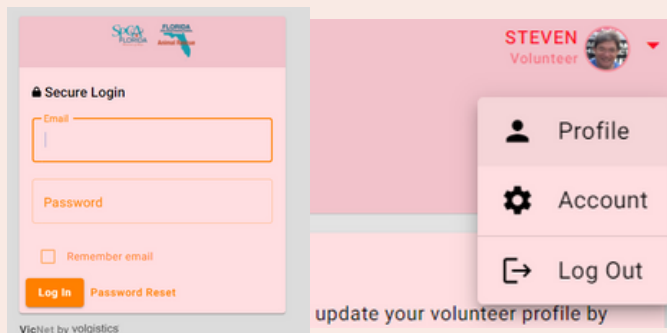
Volunteer Records	967
Archived Volunteer Records	10
Deployable (Level 1 & Level 2)	121 (12.5%)
Level 1 Trained	863 (89.2%)
Level 2 Trained	195 (20.1%)
Total Volunteer Hours to date:	47,871
Volunteer Hours Value to date:	\$1,435,651
Total Miles Traveled to date:	129,123
Total Miles Value to date:	\$80,934
Total Estimated Classes held since 2011:	255
Total Estimated Students trained since 2011:	4535

Deployment Limited (Missing ICS/Vax)	738 (76.3%)
Missing ICS 100 (Level 1 Aware)	666 (68.8%)
Missing ICS 200/700/800 (Level 2 OPS)	148 (75.8%)
Missing Tetanus Vax Info	679 (70.2%)

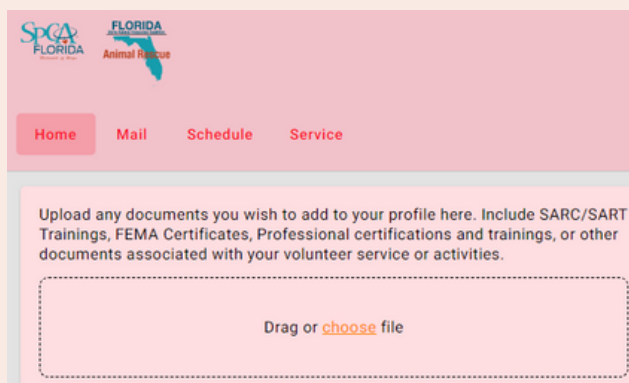
VOLUNTEER PROFILE UPDATES

You can now add your training documents to your profile direct! See the steps below. In addition, **new volunteer responders are now required to upload a picture ID when creating their profiles.** A new 2024 Code of Conduct is also available at www.flsarc.org/volunteers.

Log into your Volgistics profile at <https://www.volgistics.com/vicnet/27451/login>.



Next, update profile info by clicking "profile". To upload documents and certificates, just follow the instructions below.



For additional questions or guidance, contact volunteer@flsarc.org or scarriere@scaflorida.org

SARC CLASS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to the students below who completed our SARC Level 1 and Level 2 courses since our last newsletter!

December 16, 2023 - Level 1 Osceola County



Andy Bass, Lead, Steve Carriere, Asst.
Desiree Baumann-Smith, Admin, Katherine Bates, Glenn Bates,
Telisha Montgomery, Holly Probst, Jessica Llobet



January 28, 2024 - Train the Trainer Polk County



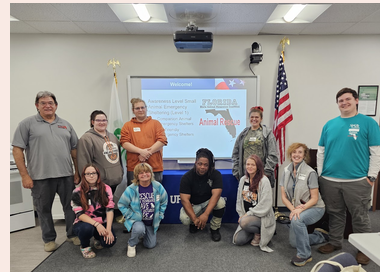
Steve Carriere, Lead, Pam Moreman, Asst.
John Porche, Carol Summerville, Jessica Dalton
Paula McPhaul, Adam Jackson, Desiree Bauman-Smith

February 3, 2024 - Level 1 Santa Rosa County

Melissa Forberg, Lead; Steve Carriere, Asst., John
Porche, Asst/Admin
Heather Acosta, Allison Arstill, Joseph Arstill, Julie
Connerly, Patricia Gleich, Connie Gluvna, Lyubov
Johnson, Valerie Lejeune, Kirsten Walker, Payton Walker



February 17- Level 1 Lake City Humane Society



Steve Carriere, Lead; Michele Newton, Asst.; Caleb Hines, Admin
Megan Martin, Colin Feezell, Tina Shelton, Bryanna Smith, Sherry
Mooney, Robin Ross, Kimberly Jackson

February 18 - Level 2 Santa Rosa County



Melissa Forberg, Lead; Andy Bass, Asst; John
Porche, ADM; Lyubov Johnson, Tanya Waner,
Allison Arstill, Julie Connerley



February 23 - Level 1 Florida Animal Control Association Conference Orlando, FL



Melissa Forberg, Lead; Steve Carriere, Asst; Desiree
Bauman-Smith ADM; Michael Smith, Jacoby Laboy,
Tara Yurkshat, Elizabeth Johnson, Lesley Guzman,
Emily Maple, Gary Herrero, Jacqueline Perez

CALL TO ACTION!!



- Are you an **emergency manager, shelter director, or in a leadership role for your program or community, and want to build your volunteer base** for pet friendly sheltering or animal cruelty case volunteer support??
- Are you a current SARC disaster responder or instructor, and need to refresh your skills?
- Are you a current instructor and want a lead or assistant role?
- Are you interested in becoming a SARC disaster responder?

We have **FREE** trainings and class registration spots available!!

Go to www.flsarc.org/training or see below for trainings and events near you!

UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS



Madison County, FL
March 16, 2024
Level 1 Awareness
<https://bit.ly/3QyU6VE>



Humane Society Naples, FL
March 23, 2024
Level 1 Awareness
*Registration Fee required
<https://bit.ly/HSNAPLESVL1>



Miami Dade County
March 30, 2024
Level 1 Awareness
<https://bit.ly/MIAMIDADELVL1>



Palm Beach County
April 6, 2024
Level 1 Awareness
<https://bit.ly/3TPF2GS>



Humane Society Naples
April 27 & 28, 2024
Level 2 Operations
*Registration Fee required
<https://bit.ly/HSNAPLESOPS>



Palm Beach County
May 18 & 19, 2024
Level 2 Operations
<https://bit.ly/41K7Li9>



Jefferson County
June 1, 2024
Level 1 Awareness
<https://bit.ly/3S8jqmDt>



Clay County Fair
April 4-6, 2024
Volunteer Booth Event
<https://bit.ly/49VUhDn>

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