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# In Response

**WOW! - THE BIG ISSUE!**

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## BRIAN GOES TO WASHINGTON; DULLES THAT IS.

During the week of May 7, Brian, SF CARD training coordinator, attended a training workshop held in Dulles, 30 miles northwest of Washington DC. The training was put on by the American Red Cross. The training focused on the role [Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\)](#) have in responding to natural or man-made disasters, such as a WMD event, and the importance of non-profit agencies to have a preparedness plan in place.

Specifically, Brian participated in a tabletop drill that focused on an earthquake/WMD disaster scenario. The drill furthered Brian's knowledge on how he can educate and train NGO leaders on preparing for an all-hazard disaster.

If your organization is interested in learning more information on the American Red Cross training or if you would like Brian to provide guidance with your agency plan and staff personal preparedness, please contact him at 415-982-8999 ext 236.



Brian is standing in front of the sign "The Dutch Galleries" at the [National Gallery of Art](#) in Washington DC.

## NEW NEWSLETTER INTERACTIVE FEATURE!

SF CARD is excited to announce that we have added a new interactive feature to our newsletter to provide you the reader with another capability to access information. Please notice that throughout this newsletter a [hyperlink](#) will be attached to key words or phrases, such as Non-Government Organizations. To learn more about the subject or topic just click on the word and you will be escorted to a credible website that will provide you with more information and links to other websites.

If you need assistance with this feature, please contact Brian at [brian@sfcad.org](mailto:brian@sfcad.org); he will be glad to assist you.

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Mark Stone (left) & Kerry Quinn (right)

SF CARD just recently received a generous donation of 50 72-hour earthquake survival kits from [The RumbleBox Coalition](#). As most nonprofits are born, Mark and Kerry, Co-Founders of the RumbleBox Coalition, recognized the significant need for vulnerable populations residing in San Francisco to have access to [earthquake survival kits](#). The RumbleBox Coalition is filling this need that few other organizations are by working with agencies like SF CARD to identify and help distribute the kits to individuals. The RumbleBox Coalition works specifically with non-profit organizations that serve the elderly, the physically challenged and low income families and individuals. Like other small nonprofits, they need cash and supply donations, space in San

Francisco for storage and assembly because they are located out of the area, and they need to be connected to the community.

The RumbleBox Coalition is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provided the kits free of charge and never require the distributing non-profits to provide any personal information back to The RumbleBox Coalition. If you would like to make a donation and/or more information about the RumbleBox Coalition, please visit their website at [www.rumblebox.org](http://www.rumblebox.org) or call 415-814-5889.



### **Bust A Myth Section...**

This is a relatively new section of the newsletter. Each month we will take an opportunity to discuss a disaster-related myth and then we will provide the facts for that particular myth. Please let us know if you enjoy and/or are learning anything from this section.

**MYTH** – If the power goes out and you have no light in your house, using candles is far better than using a flashlight because the batteries in your flashlight will die.

**FACT** – Only use flashlights because candles are a fire hazard. If you have no other means of light use a candle but **never** leave an open flame unattended. **One solution is to store a flashlight with EXTRA batteries in your house, on your key chain, and in your go-bag.**

To purchase a flashlight, Emergency Light Sticks, and LED key chain lights, please visit the following vendors we work with:

Simpler Life at <http://simplerlife.com>

Earth Shakes at <https://suzo-best.securesites.com/earthshakes/store/commerce.cgi?product=Lighting>

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**INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGES ARE BACK!**

**SF CARD** is pleased to announce that we will begin hosting information exchanges once again. The next informational exchange topic is *The Incident Command System – A Communication Structure for Nonprofit Leaders to Use During Post-Disaster Operations*.

The [Incident Command System \(ICS\)](#) is the nationally accepted, standardized method of responding to all manner of harms. It is used by fire, police and emergency responders of every kind all over the U.S. and even abroad. You will be learning a non-governmental version of ICS which we hope to share with every community organization in the city.

**ICS IS INTENDED TO:**

- Contain panic and confusion;
- Reduce loss of life and property;
- Protect responders from additional injury; and
- Preserve your agency's defenses (from lawsuits or loss of reputation).

This event will be held from **10 AM to Noon on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at The Salvation Army Headquarters** at 823 Folsom Street. A link to a map has been placed below for your convenience.

**If you are interested in attending this free workshop, please RSVP by July 1, 2007 via email at [admin@sfcad.org](mailto:admin@sfcad.org).**

**Map to The Salvation Army on Google:**

<http://maps.google.com/maps?ie=UTF-8&q=salvation+army&near=San+Francisco,+CA&fb=1&cid=37781459,-122401895,10314468443362705849&li=1md&z=14&t=m>