

■ PKA is Now a Partner of BRACE.

This organization, Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies, (BRACE), came about after the disastrous hurricane season of 2004-2005. It was formed as a nonprofit corporation and partnership organization, to act as a network for the hundreds of individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies who found themselves simply trying to help meet the needs of the community. Their core purpose is to get every individual, business, non-profit, civic and church or other faith based organization involved in ensuring our community is fully prepared and protected against any type of emergency. Of course, the key factor in being prepared and protected is that action must be taken BEFORE the emergency happens.

Currently, there are over 140 partners, representing 12 different sectors of the community, including Business & Industry, Community, Construction, Education, Faith-based, Government, Health Care, Insurance, Media. The Perdido Key Association is proud to be a partner of BRACE, and to support emergency management needs in Escambia County. Ideally, BRACE partners will serve as a force multiplier of human and material resources in four phases of emergency management (preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation).

Two members of the PKA Board of Directors, Bonnie Yaste and Norma DeBrow, are already serving as volunteers with BRACE. Please visit the [website](#), to learn more. If you are interested in becoming involved as a volunteer or a partner, please call 444-7135. They would welcome your participation.