

WHAT YOU MISSED - JULY LUNCHEON 2006

Jeff Jellets is the territorial disaster coordinator for The Salvation Army's Southern Region. This is an area that covers (15) Southeastern States and the District of Columbia. Mr. Jellets began his association with the Salvation Army in 1995 as the state of Georgia disaster response director and managed rebuilding operations in the wake of the 1994 Southwest Georgia floods, the 1998 Gainesville tornados, the 1998 Dunwoody tornados, and the Olympic Park and Abortion Clinic bombings. In 2001 he became the Salvation Army's territorial disaster coordinator serving most notably at the World Trade Center during 9-11 and coordinating disaster relief efforts in Florida for four 2004 hurricanes. He previously was with GEMA, FEMA, and the American Red Cross.

Data from Hurricane Katrina shows that disaster survivors who prepared, fared far better than those who did not both from a survival standpoint and a recovery perspective. The Salvation Army has many of its' facilities affected by natural disasters--some of which have dependent populations. He would like to share a few lessons learned. Based on his experiences, he is also helping facility and programs staff develop emergency plans and better systems for protecting those in a building during a disaster event.



Jeff Jellets of the Salvation Army gave an eye-opening presentation.