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PRESS RELEASE

Clearwater, FL – For Immediate Release: KW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING, in conjunction with Gambrell Sturges Insurance, Allied Barton Security, United Fire Protection, and Bay Area DKI, will be hosting a disaster preparedness and recovery seminar for condominium, mobile home, and home owner associations throughout the greater bay area on Friday, May 27, 2011, beginning at 10 AM at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Len Ciecieznski, Public Information Specialist with the Pinellas County Communications Department, will be providing a thorough overview of hurricanes and tropical storms including wind velocity concerns, storm surge levels and evacuation zones, as well as hurricane myths.

Wanda Sloan, Coordinator for the Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations, will be covering disaster planning for neighborhoods, including a thorough overview of who is responsible for what during a disaster, the eighteen emergency support functions utilized in Hillsborough county, and the Continuity of Operations Plan.

After the presentations by Pinellas and Hillsborough counties the attendees will break into groups to brainstorm on ways to create, or improve upon, a disaster recovery plan for their association. A representative from KW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING, Gambrell Sturges, Allied Barton, United Fire, and Bay Area DKI will work with the Board of Directors in breakout groups to help them incorporate into a disaster preparedness and recovery plan the following emergency protocols:

- Preparation for the occurrence of a natural disaster
- Communication within the community and the county
- Evacuation options
- Defining roles and responsibilities
- Insurance
- Security
- Damage Assessment Procedures
- Vendor Management - granting access, facilitating service, defining service in advance.

The attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of their current association disaster preparedness plan, and are encouraged to enter the raffle drawing for a disaster preparedness kit that will include two hand crank flashlights, a hand crank emergency radio and other items often needed in a disaster. Registration for this event is mandatory, and can be completed by contacting Kelly Ann Vickers, Education Coordinator for KW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING at (727) 859-2462.