ETCOG HAPPENINGS

East Texas Council of Governments Newsletter

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GoBus Assists with Van Disaster Clean Up Efforts

As much of the nation is aware, a tornado packing winds up to 140 mph ripped through Van Zandt County on May 10th, causing significant damage, injuring many citizens, and causing multiple deaths. Today, the community

is still working to pick up the pieces from his devastating event and clean up the area.

To help with this tragic event, ETCOG volunteered GoBus vehicles and gas funding to assist with cleanup efforts. Eight ETCOG employees volunteered to participate in these efforts, by transporting workers to damaged areas of Van for two weekends. Within these

two weekends, the drivers clocked a total of 149 volunteer hours, transporting approximately 570 workers to multiple clean up sites.

ETCOG is honored to help our friends in Van and Van Zandt County. We continue to keep the community in our thoughts and prayers.

"It was very humbling and shocking to the see the devastation in Van." -Dorinda Deaton GoBus Operator

"I was honored to be a part of the experience to help those in desperate need."
-Roger Talbert
GoBus Operator





2015 Workforce Solutions East Texas Conferences Scheduled

Dream Expo

We will host our first "Dream Expo" career fair for students in Athens and surrounding school districts in Henderson County to bring awareness of the various endorsements required by House Bill 5. Employers, law enforcement and local colleges will be showcasing jobs and career options at the expo. It will be held September 22, 2015 at the Cain Center located at 915 S Palestine St in Athens, TX.

Workforce & Economic Development Summit

Save the date for the second annual Workforce and Economic Development Summit! This year's summit will be held at Pinecrest Country Club on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. Plan to attend this unique summit with a regional focus on economic development. Panelist and special guest information coming soon.

Conference for Youth Professionals

The tenth annual 2015 Conference for Youth Professionals, themed "Life after High School," will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, in Tyler, Texas. The conference will be held at Crosswalk Center at Green Acres Baptist Church and it will be an all day event. Attendees will spend the day learning how to better engage and connect with the youth today while earning CEU credits if applicable. Ticket and speaker information is coming soon!

Remember, it's your air. Take care!

If you live in Gregg, Harrison, Rusk, Smith or Upshur County, then you're in the zone – "the Ohhh-Zone," that is. And your region is now in the ozone season – from May through September.

Higher levels of ozone can be a problem for children and for folks with lung problems such as asthma or emphysema. On some days, it can even affect people who are just active outdoors.

You can do your part to reduce ground-level ozone. Avoid driving your car if possible, especially during the morning rush hour traffic period. When you can try a carpool, ride a bicycle, or take advantage of the public transit services provided by Longview, Tyler, and ETCOG. Wait until after 6 p.m. to refuel your car or mow your lawn. To avoid exposure to high ozone levels, stay indoors in airconditioned areas, especially from mid-day to early evening.



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