

HUI KA UA SPONSORS

HAZARD PREPAREDNESS CARD FOR UH HILO STUDENTS



Hui Ka Ua has joined together with the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, the Hawai'i County Department of Research and Development, and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Conference Center in support of an innovative effort to provide information and education to UH Hilo students, and the community, on "HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM" during a natural disaster.

The Hazard Preparation Pocket Card, (a small, convenient, informational guide), was conceived by the UH Hilo Conference Center, and developed in collaboration with Dr. Walter Dudley, in an effort to provide comprehensive and assessible information on hazard preparation.

When *Hui Ka Ua* founder, Harvey Tajiri, learned about the project, his excitement about providing this invaluable tool for UH Hilo students was immediate. "Hopefully, the pocket guide will set a model for providing practical and useful information during emergencies and disasters and will assist in preventing injuries." *Hui Ka Ua* joins Civil Defense, the USGS, Green Collar Technologies, the Big Island Visitors Bureau and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo in providing support for this invaluable tool.

The Pocket Guide, scheduled to be released in limited edition by the end of April, will include information on disaster preparedness actions in the event of tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, windstorms, rainfall, flooding, storm surge, high surf and volcanic hazards. Specific, and immediate instructions are recommended and the guide also contains a listing of medical facilities, fire stations, tsunami evacuation zones, and radio stations. Information on basic disaster kits supplies is also provided.

"The collective goal," according to UH Hilo Conference Center Administrator and *Hui Ka Ua* Board Member, Judith Fox-Goldstein, "is to prevent loss of life during natural disasters and the best tool we have is information and education."