**Picking Up the Pieces After a Disaster**

**Water Precautions**
After a natural disaster, damaged water pipes can cause pressure to drop, possibly letting in contaminated ground water. The concern with the water is bacterial contamination. The most common offenders, shigella and salmonella, can cause severe diarrhea. If not treated with antibiotics, these diseases can lead to life threatening dehydration. Here are some tips for coping with water problems.

- Disinfect tap water you used for anything, including your pets. Boil it for at least 10 minutes, or use chemicals: 8 drops of chlorine (without scent or additives) or tincture per gallon. Let water sit at least 10 minutes.
- If you wash dishes, rinse them in extra-chlorinated water. Use about 15 drops of chlorine on the dishes to keep them clean until next use.
- Showering or bathing in tap water is fine. If you cut yourself, apply an antibiotic cream.

**Food Safety Rules**
Without refrigeration, items such as milk and meats spoil rapidly and should be discarded of they have been without cooling for several hours. Don’t trust your sense of smell.

- Clean out the refrigerator if power has been off for more than 2 days. Throw away perishables. Wipe the interior with baking soda and water.
- Fill your freezer with plastic jugs of water. A full freezer stays colder longer.
- Keep the freezer door closed as much as possible. Foods will stay frozen longer.
- Meats and solid items stay frozen longer than baked goods.

**Makeshift Kitchen & Power Substitutes**
A garage, carport, or roofed patio would be an ideal spot for a temporary kitchen. This is what you’ll need:
- A surface to prepare food. A small table or improvised table.
- A large cooler and bags of ice to keep food fresh. Buy only the amount of fresh food your family can consume in one meal. Rely on canned foods for safety’s sake.
- Use a charcoal or propane grill or a camp stove for cooking. Do not bring these grills inside: a fire could start or fumes could generate.
- Use kitchen cabinets or sturdy boxes for storage.
- For lighting use fuel-based lanterns or candles.

**Clothing & Furniture Preservation**
- Take down wet draperies and spread to dry.
- Take furniture outside to dry, but don’t put in the sun. Put under a covered patio or tarp.
- Elevate wet upholstered furniture if it’s resting on carpet.
- Hang comforters and blankets out to dry.
- Dry pillow cases outdoors, but not in direct sunlight.

*Taken from “All Hazards Guide 2006-2007 Edition”*
Volunteer Opportunities

Thunder of Niagara Training Exercise
Saturday, June 9, 2007

Many thanks to more than 100 volunteers who accepted the invitation to participate in this Saturday, June 9, 2007 event. In preparation for the “Thunder of Niagara” Air Show in August, the Air Refueling Wing Niagara Falls ARS, NY will conduct an emergency training exercise and drill. To ensure a quality training experience, a very large group of volunteer “spectators” is needed from 7 AM to Noon to be “actors” as the emergency unfolds and “chaos” follows.

To allow volunteers to gain access to the Air Force Base, we were asked to provide an advance roster of volunteers. The recent tragic loss of a Blue Angels pilot highlights the very real importance of preparedness drills. Thanks for your help!

Please remember to call (716 205­0070) or to email the Border Community SERVICE office (nch@niagara.edu) to report your volunteer hours. The hours are needed for our funding agency reports and your help is greatly appreciated!

Homeland Security Special Volunteer Project Surveys

Recently we mailed and/or emailed a survey to our volunteers. Because your responses are so important, we ask that volunteers who have not already done so return their completed survey to the Border Community SERVICE office as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would prefer to complete your survey over the phone, please call our office at 205-0070.

This is your opportunity to do a quick assessment of the BCS program. Was there something you particularly enjoyed? Is there an area we could have handled better or differently? Do you have suggestions for skills enhancement trainings? Please let us know! Future funding for programs with similar preparedness training may depend on the outcome.

RECRUITS WANTED

If you are able to volunteer your time on some weekends and holidays, then we need you to be part of the team.

We are currently accepting applications, so please call or fax today. Our next training academy starts soon.

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Summer Skills Enhancement Schedule

Dr. Taylor has graciously invited Border Community SERVICE volunteers to attend presentations in his graduate level course “Criminal Justice Special Topics: Homeland Security.”

Course credit will be awarded to registered graduate students only.

The following presentations have been scheduled and confirmed:

**Wednesday, June 6th from 7pm - 8:30pm**
Mark Kreyer (DHS) “Critical Infrastructure Protection”

**Monday, June 18th from 7pm - 8:30pm**
Dennis Carson (TTPD)

All presentations will take place in Dunleavy Hall, Room 127. A complete schedule of topics and presenters will be sent to you very soon. Please be sure to RSVP to the BCS office if you plan to attend.