Saturday, June 4th, 2011
Border Community SERVICE
Volunteer & Community Leader Conference
Empowering Volunteers

Our annual free day-long conference for volunteers and community leaders will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 9 am to 4 pm at Niagara University.

Detailed information is available at the Border Community SERVICE website (www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice). The registration form for this conference can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Registration will take place at the Castellani Art Museum from 8:30-9:00 am with our keynote address at 9:00 am. For all that have enrolled for the conference, when the date approaches, please watch for an email with further instructions. All registrations must be received by Friday, May 27 so that necessary accommodations can be made.

Incident Command System (ICS 100) Class

In preparation for issuing Regional CERT ID cards, if you have not already received ICS 100 training, we are offering a class on Tuesday, May 10th from 6:30-9:00 pm at Niagara University, St. Vincent’s Hall Room 105 (computer room). It will be open to the first 25 who register.

ICS 100 is an introduction to the Incident Command System and describes the history, features, and organizational structure. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

You must register before Friday, May 6th by contacting Valerie Haseley at (716) 286-8023 or vhaseley@niagara.edu. Classes are closed that day as a "Study Day" for students so parking will be available in the Main Lot. This is not a review. This is for anyone who has not taken the class before and needs to be certified in order to receive a Regional CERT ID.
At the end of April, Cambria Volunteer Fire Co. hosted a meeting for Niagara County CERT members who are interested in becoming more involved with CERT in the County. It was a great meeting and resulted in the formation of a Niagara County CERT Steering Committee that would be a good first step in organizing CERT in our County. If you are a Niagara County resident, completed CERT, and willing to attend meetings every other month, please consider becoming a member of this committee. More information is can be found on page 7 in this newsletter.

In April I was a presenter at the Council of Older Adults Spring Conference that took place at Antonio’s in Niagara Falls. I met many wonderful people who are involved in Senior Groups throughout Niagara County during their resource fair. I presented at the Sensational Seniors monthly meeting that took place later that month. I also had the opportunity to participate as an exhibitor at the Niagara Falls Boom Days at the LaSalle Yacht Club on Saturday, April 16.

Even though the weather doesn’t feel like it, I am gearing up for Summer by participating at various Fairs and Festivals in Niagara County. Below is a list of places we’ll be at and I hope you can consider volunteering for a couple hours.

Please contact Valerie Haseley at 286-8023 or vhaseley@niagara.edu if you know of any upcoming event that we should be present at. As always, I am also looking for additional places to introduce our “Ready America” presentation so please contact me if you would like a presentation scheduled with your group.

**Summer Fun**

Come out and enjoy some of Western New York’s Summer Events and help Border Community SERVICE at the same time. We are participating in fairs and festivals throughout Niagara County and volunteers are needed for 3 hour shifts (or longer) to promote FEMA’s Ready Campaign material as well as Border Community SERVICE programs.

Here is the list of where we will be so far.

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Please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator at (716) 286-8023 or vhaseley@niagara.edu if you are interested in volunteering for any of these events.
Introducing John Moffat as the New CERT Board Chairperson

John Moffat chaired his first Tonawanda CERT Board meeting on February 21, 2011 after being elected at the January meeting. Regina “Jeannie” Lyons turned over the leadership after her term in office and an outstanding tenure as Chairperson. She has continued to support the board through its leadership transition.

John is fairly new to CERT, having completed his Team training in the spring of 2009. Since then he has participated in two Ken-Ton showcase events, the second as event chair, and he has chaired two National Night Out events for Tonawanda CERT. In August of 2009, John was invited to present a workshop on “Needs of the Elderly and People with Disabilities” at the Border Community SERVICE’s “Empowering Volunteers” Conference.

John completed the CERT Train the Trainer course offered through the New York State Office of Emergency Management in June of 2010. In the fall, he assisted as an instructor for the CERT Training course offered by the Town of Tonawanda, under the direction of Instructor Coordinator, Bob Lutz.

His introduction to first aid and emergency response was through the Navy as a hospital corpsman/dental technician and member of a damage control party. He learned fire fighting which was required of all personnel assigned to a ship regardless of rating. John has completed American Red Cross First Aid, CPR and AED training and maintains the certification requirements.

He works at Western New York Independent Living, an agency that assists people of all ages and disability types to live independently. He combines his work and volunteer activity by giving emergency preparedness presentations to disabled and non-disabled individuals and groups. Most recently he was appointed to the Advisory Council for Niagara University’s First Responder – Disability Awareness Training Development Project.

John is looking forward to strengthening the structure and cohesiveness of the Tonawanda CERT and working with the other experienced and knowledgeable Board members.

CERT Board Meeting

The tentative date for the May CERT Board Meeting is Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7pm. The location will be announced at a future date.
April has proved to be a busy month for Border Community SERVICE. I’ve continued reaching out to future partners, holding presentations, and being present at community functions. Our newest community partnership is with the “Save Our Streets Taskforce” which is part of Mayor Byron Brown’s “Operation Clean Sweep.” Last week, I was able to reach 29 households with Disaster Preparedness brochures and a “First Aid To Go” kit to help prepare our community - one family at a time.

A big thank you goes out to Diane Livingston for bringing BCS to her group at The Living Water Fellowship Church for a motivating “Ready America” Presentation. We all shared a delicious lunch together and held an in-depth participant-driven discussion about preparing for disasters in our areas. I am happy to report that many of the attendees are interested in becoming CERT members through our next training. Thank you to April Duke for welcoming us to the South Buffalo Block Club where we held a “Ready America” presentation for members of the block club as well as the local Girl Scout troop. The Girl Scouts were eager to share this information with their friends and classmates.

We are looking forward to arranging a CERT class in Buffalo for the fall of 2011. We are thrilled to be able to hold a class once again within the City of Buffalo. I am excited to be conducting this class and working along with the local fire hall and other presenters. Please share this information with others who may be interested in taking this class and watch for future BCS newsletter announcements and advertisements regarding the registration process coming later this summer.

Please contact Elizabeth H. Oddy at 851-4299 or ehoddy@bpdny.org if you know of any upcoming event that we should be present at. As always, I am also looking for additional places to introduce our “Ready America” presentation. Please contact me if you would like a presentation scheduled with your group or you know of an event happening in Buffalo where we could set up a booth to distribute disaster preparedness information to residents of the City of Buffalo. Happy Spring!

How you can help…

Between April 27th and 28th, devastating tornados ravaged the seven Southern states. Over 300 lives were lost and caused massive wide spread property damage. For the latest FEMA updates on recovery efforts, visit http://blog.fema.gov/. For more information on how to assist victims of the tornados, please visit http://www.nvoad.org/.

National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day is May 8

Pet owners need to make sure that they have a plan with regards to their pets in case of an emergency. There are three steps that you need to have completed:

(1) Make a plan - is there a place where you can take your pet to in an emergency? Where you go to house yourself might not be accepting pets; perhaps you have a friend outside of your area who might be able to house your pet for you.

(2) Get a kit - if you need to get your pet someplace, a kit that includes at least three days of water and food, leash and ID tag on collar, if applicable a pet carrier, medication, toys, sanitation requirements, and bedding should be compiled ahead of time to ensure their safety and comfort. It is also suggested that you have a picture of you and your pet together.

(3) Be informed and get trained. For more information about how to prepare, visit www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY.
Imagine a great geomagnetic storm or the release of a nuclear weapon above the earth's atmosphere that could result in the collapse of critical civilian infrastructures -- such as infrastructures for electric power, telecommunications, transportation, banking and finance, food and water -- across the entire continental United States. According to two Congressional Commissions and the EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse) Commission, such a threat is very real. These same bodies have warned that terrorists, rogue states, China and Russia could, using a single crude nuclear weapon delivered by a primitive missile, inflict an EMP attack that would cause such a collapse of critical civilian infrastructures -- threatening the survival of our citizens.

How real is this threat? How practical is it that a terrorist attack of this nature could take place? How likely is it that this could occur naturally, during the next cycle of solar activity, in 2012?

All of you are invited to a presentation by representatives from EMPact America who will be coming to my graduate Homeland Security class next Monday, May 9th at 7:15pm. The presentation will be given in DUNLEAVY HALL ROOM 127. For those of you who have attended speakers in the past, note that this is a different location.

If you have a chance, please RSVP (gstruzik@niagara.edu) and let us know you are coming so that I have a rough count of the participants. If you wish to learn more about the EMP threat or about EMPact America, please go to their website at http://www.empactamerica.org/index.php.

You can also watch a 2 minute video about EMPact America
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWUycTx8kbo&feature=player_embedded

Or a 3 minute video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFdVldHGbLQ&feature=related

Or a 3 minute video that previews a National Geographic special on this topic
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPzlWsdnj0w&feature=player_embedded

Let me know if you have any questions.
Dr. David Taylor
Faculty Advisor for Border Community SERVICE
“Town of Tonawanda, we’re looking for CERT volunteers!”

CERT Training is a **FREE** Community Preparedness course that includes both academic and hands-on instruction. The course will meet at the **Town of Tonawanda Fire Training Tower Classroom**, (70 Fire Tower Drive), located off of Two Mile Creek Road in the **Town of Tonawanda**. The nine (9) class course starts on **Tuesday, May 10, 2011** and continues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:00-9:00 PM) concluding on **Saturday, June 11** course review and simulated disaster training exercise. Participants should plan to attend all sessions.

CERT Training prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Emergency personnel may not be able to help everyone immediately and you can make a difference by using CERT Training to save lives and protect property. CERT Training topics include:

- **Disaster Preparedness**: Disasters & Disaster Workers, Community Preparedness
- **Emergency Medical Operations I**: Triage & Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- **Emergency Medical Operations II**: Public Health Considerations & Patient Treatment
- **Fire Safety**: Fire Chemistry, Fire Hazards, Fire Safety, & Fire Suppression
- **Light Search and Rescue**: Search & Rescue Size-up and Operations
- **CERT Organization and Incident Command (ICS 100)**
- **Disaster Psychology**: Impact of Disaster on Rescuers & Victims and Its Mitigation
- **Terrorism & CERT**: Terrorism & its Goals; CERT Protocols for Terrorism Incidents
- **Disaster Simulation Training Exercise**: Course Review & Hands-on Exercise

Through personal education, training and volunteer service, every individual can help make their community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the hazards of weather, terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Pre-registration is required. **Register NOW!** Participants must be at least 16 years of age, attend all nine class sessions, and register as a Border Community SERVICE Volunteer.

**For more information or to enroll, please contact:**

Jess Martin, Citizen Corps Coordinator,
Border Community SERVICE at Niagara University
at (716) 286-8306 or e-mail: jmartin@niagara.edu

You can also register online and/or view a CERT Community Briefing at:

[www.niagara.edu/BCS-enrollment](http://www.niagara.edu/BCS-enrollment)
Registration for 2011 Empowering Volunteers Conference

Presented by Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University,
a regional Citizen Preparedness Training Center, on Saturday, June 4, 2011

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Title: ________________________________________________________________

Agency: ______________________________________________________________

Affiliation: ___________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ ST: ________ Zip: ________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ FAX: ______________________________

Please indicate the workshop you are most likely to attend in each session.

Workshop Session One:

_____ Disability Awareness Training for First Responders

_____ Western New York Weather Hazards

_____ Basic Aspects of Response to Nuclear Detonation

Workshop Session Two:

_____ Amateur Radio Communications Capabilities

_____ Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team

_____ Global Warming: The Public Health Concern

I do ______ do not ______ plan to attend lunch.

Please register by May 27 one of the following ways:

□ Mail form to: Border Community SERVICE, PO Box 2040, Niagara University, NY 14109-2040

□ FAX this registration form to 716-286-8016.


□ Call Gail Struzik at 286-8388 and she will complete a registration form
Border Community SERVICE is on the lookout for Niagara County CERT members who want to volunteer their time on the Niagara County CERT Steering Committee.

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to seek input on how to better serve Niagara County, conduct outreach initiatives throughout the community and develop training for members.

You must be a Niagara County resident, completed a CERT Course and be available for meetings every other month.

If you are interested, please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at (716) 286-8023 or vhaseley@niagara.edu