Cambria CERT
Volunteers Needed for Final Exercise

If you haven’t participated in a drill since you went through your CERT class, join us for the Final Drill for the Cambria CERT class. This is a small class and it’s a good opportunity to refresh your skills participating in a disaster simulation.

The Final Drill is taking place Wednesday, November 14th from 6-9:30 pm at Cambria Fire Company, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Road in Cambria (Lockport).

Anyone interested in attending the final exercise must register in advance by contacting Valerie Haseley at 205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu.

Free Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Border Community SERVICE and the Amanda Hansen Foundation are partnering to bring carbon monoxide detectors to community members in our region.

Our first announced carbon monoxide giveaway will be held at the Lancaster Office of Emergency Management at 321 Columbia Avenue on Saturday, December 15th from noon to 3pm. During the OEM open house, members of the community will also be able to take away other important safety and emergency preparedness information. There will be a limited supply of carbon monoxide detectors available so plan on arriving early.

The Amanda Hansen Foundation began after the tragic loss of West Seneca native Amanda Hansen, who passed on January 17th, 2009 as the result of Carbon Monoxide poisoning. In the aftermath of her death Amanda’s parents, Ken and Kim Hansen, began the foundation and dedicated their lives to try and ensure other families don’t endure another tragic loss. It was with Amanda in mind that New York State passed “Amanda’s Law” which requires CO Alarms to be installed in ALL NEW AND EXISTING one and two-family dwellings, multifamily dwellings and rentals having any fuel-burning appliance, system or attached garage.

Look for more information forthcoming on upcoming giveaways in the next couple of months.
The last Clean Sweep in the City of Buffalo wrapped up October. We spent time on Box and French Streets as well as Stockbridge and Hewitt Avenue in the Kensington-Bailey neighborhood. The Clean Sweeps were a wonderful experience and Border Community SERVICE was very fortunate to be able to bring educational emergency preparedness materials to community members that may have not had the opportunity to get them otherwise. All in all, we participated in 23 of these neighborhood outreach events this season. We’re looking forward to next year!

Border Community SERVICE was also very fortunate to team up with XCEL Leadership Center on Hertel Avenue to offer some great young people preparedness information. We spoke to young men between the ages of 9 and 14. Very insightful!

As always, if you know of a group that would like to receive an emergency preparedness presentation or would like BCS to supply material for an event or tabling opportunity, please call 205-0077 or email dle@niagara.edu.

Pre-registration is required for trainings in Erie County by contacting Dana Estrada, Executive Director, at dle@niagara.edu or 205.0075. Must be a CERT member to attend trainings.
Later in the month, I participated in the Niagara County Employee Wellness Fairs that took place at both the Trott Access Center in Niagara Falls and the Public Safety Building in Lockport. At these events, I talked with more than 75 employees and provided them with valuable information on emergency preparedness.

During this month, I continued holding the CERT class at Cambria Fire Co. and arranged for multiple presentations in the month of November. We had to reschedule the Skills Enhancement Training on October 29th on Firefighter Rehab to Monday, November 19th at St. Johnsburg Fire Co. Please consider attending this informative training. There are more details on page 2 that lists all the upcoming trainings taking place until the end of the year.

As always, if you or an organization you know would like a presentation on Emergency Preparedness, please don’t hesitate to contact me at vhaseley@niagara.edu or 716-205-0076.
Volunteer Support Needed for Outreach Event in North Tonawanda—November 17

One or two volunteers are needed for the "Grand Opening" celebration of the Community Room Clothing closet at the Fair Havens Community Center located at 383 Vandervoort Street in North Tonawanda. The event is Saturday, November 17 from 11 am until 2 pm.

We will have a table to display our emergency preparedness information and provide a give-a-way to the attendees. The event is free for families and there are activities for children as well as other vendors.

Please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at vhaseley@niagara.edu or 716-205.0076 if you are interested in helping out.

Want more information at your fingertips?

Did you wish you knew more information about Hurricane Sandy and what was happening locally or even nationally? There are many ways to receive communication from the Federal, State and Local agencies. Now is the perfect to sign up for the notifications that are right for you.

New York State has NY-Alert (NYS All-Hazards Alert and Notification web-based portal), which is part of New York State’s ongoing commitment to provide New Yorkers with information so that they will understand the risks and threats that they may face and know how to respond accordingly.

The information posted at this site includes severe weather warnings, significant highway closures, hazardous materials spills, and many other emergency conditions. Additionally you will find information regarding response actions being taken by local and state agencies and protective actions that you should take to protect you, your family and your property.

By signing up for NY-Alert at www.nyalert.gov, you can receive warnings and emergency information via the web, your cell phone, email and other technologies. Signing up for NY-Alert is free and it is a tool to provide you with critical information when you may need it most.

Here are some additional useful links that are a good way for citizens to stay informed:

On your computer: http://www.ready.gov/

On your phone: The FEMA mobile site (http://m.fema.gov/), smartphone app (www.fema.gov/smartphone-app), and text messages (www.fema.gov/text-messages) also provide regular updates

On Twitter: www.twitter.com/fema

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/fema

Other sites: www.fema.gov/blog and www.youtube.com/fema
SMART Training

The following information has been provided by Pati Aine Guzinski
If you are interested in attending any of these upcoming sessions, please contact Pati Aine

Smart Training/Meeting Calendar - NOVEMBER 2012

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Dates may change due to participation in community events / drills / exercises.

- All classes will be held at the Erie County Fire Training Academy, 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227
- In an effort to facilitate an optimum training environment and experience, class size may be limited
- Pre-registration is required for all sessions. Every effort will be made to send out session specific information, including the pre-registration form, at least 2 weeks before each session

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Veteran’s Day - November 11th, 2012

Veterans Day honors ALL American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans, who served the United States in all wars, for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11 of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free. The day is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half mast.

Armistice Day

In America, November 11th officially became known as Armistice Day through an act of Congress in 1926. It wasn't until 12 years later, through a similar act that Armistice Day became a national holiday. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

Because November 11 falls on a Sunday this year, it will be observed on Monday, November 12.

Thank you!
Helpful Tips During a Power Outage

In recent light of Hurricane Sandy and as we prepare for the winter season, here are some safety tips on what to do if you lose electricity in the event that storm-related power interruptions do occur.

• Never touch downed power lines, and always assume that any fallen lines are live electric wires. If you see one, report it immediately to the power company or your local emergency response organization.

• If you use a generator to supply power during an outage, be sure to only operate it outdoors away from doors and windows to avoid dangerous carbon monoxide.

• Before operating generators, be sure shut off the main breaker located in the electric service panel. Failure to do this could jeopardize crew safety.

• Avoid plugging emergency generators into electric outlets or hooking them directly to your home’s electrical system - they can feed electricity back into the power lines, putting you and line workers in danger.

• If you lose power, turn off any appliances that were on when the power went off, but leave one light on so you will know when power is restored.

• Power problems can sometimes interrupt public water supply systems or disable well pumps, so it’s an especially good idea to keep a supply of bottled drinking water handy, as well as some canned food.

• People who depend on electric-powered life support equipment, such as a respirator, should let your power company know.

• Check on elderly family members, neighbors and others who may need assistance during an outage period.

• Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible and turn your refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting to prevent food spoilage.

• Turn off propane tanks. Avoid using the phone, except for serious emergencies.

• When the power comes back on, wait a few minutes before turning on major appliances, to help eliminate problems that could occur if there’s a sharp increase in demand. If you think electric power has been restored to your area but your home is still without power, call your local power company.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop for WNY Scouts

This event includes education and information to complete the requirements of the Boy Scout Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge and the Girl Scout Emergency Preparedness Patch, excluding the practical exercise (disaster drill). Scouts and leaders should be in uniform.

Open to all Western New York Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

- Saturday, January 19, 2013
- Registration at 8:30 am and Workshop is from 9 am-3:30 pm
- Niagara University Campus
- Lunch is provided
- Cost is Free!
- For Ages 11-18

Provided by Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University

Limited space is available so Register Online early at www.niagara.edu/border-community-service or contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at 716-205-0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu