Workshop offered for WNY Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Please see page 5 for details on our upcoming Emergency Preparedness Workshop offered for local boy scouts interested in earning their Preparedness Merit Badge and to local girl scouts who are interested in obtaining their Emergency Preparedness Patch.

Space is limited so reservations must be made prior to the workshop.

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.

On Tuesday, December 4th, BCS and Amanda Hansen Foundation partnered with the Grand Island Fire Department and distribute detectors to 63 Grand Island residents.

The next 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.
Niagara County  Valerie Haseley  716-205-0076

November began with being invited to give a presentation on “Preparing Makes Sense: Get Ready Now” at the St. Isaac Jogues monthly residence meeting. The same presentation was also conducted for the East Side Block Club in Niagara Falls where the importance of their Block Club helping neighbors during a time of a disaster was stressed. I also arranged presentations to the families in the Head Start program throughout Niagara County and spoke at parent meetings in North Tonawanda, Lockport and at the DiFrancisco Center and Donovon Center in Niagara Falls.

In November, Border Community SERVICE participated in the Tuscarora Nation Health Center’s Healthy Harvest Health Fair on November 8th where many families were in attendance who received valuable information about preparing for disasters. Thank you to Bonnie Klein who volunteered at the Fair Havens Community Center’s Grand Opening Celebration in North Tonawanda on November 17th and talked with families about their emergency preparedness plans.

On November 19th, St. Johnsburg Fire Co. hosted a Skills Enhancement Training on Firefighter Rehab. The 21 CERT members who attended were trained to safely set up and perform the non-medical functions of firefighter rehabilitation. The course also taught CERT members: 1) the definition of and need for firefighter rehab; 2) the physiological threats to firefighters; 3) an overview of what happens at the scene of a fire; and, 4) how to set up and what to do in the rehab area. Thank you to our presenter, Phil Richardson, and to firefighters Gary Janik and Janice Vertlieb, who also provided assistance with the training.

City of Buffalo  Dana Estrada  716-205-0075

Border Community SERVICE is happy to once again partner with the City of Buffalo Public Schools to provide brochures to elementary school students. On December 18th, over 3000 students will be receiving the “Preparing Makes Sense” brochure to share with their families over the holiday break.

We’ve also been partnering with New Directons Youth and Family Services. New Directions is a wonderful organization that offers numerous services to children and their families throughout our region. After presenting to the New Directons staff in November, BCS was invited to conduct two presentations for local foster families. We look forward to those presentations in the next few weeks.

We’re also looking forward to conducting a presentation at the Humboldt Parkway Apartments and the Buffalo United Charter School on December 20th.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to conducting many more outreach opportunities in the City of Buffalo in the new year!
Pre-registration is required for trainings in Niagara County. Please contact Dana Estrada, at dle@niagara.edu or call our office at 205-0077. Must be a CERT member to attend trainings.

### 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 - DECEMBER 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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Cambria CERT Wrap-up

We had 10 community members successfully complete the CERT class at Cambria Fire Company in Lockport on November 14th. Thank you to the instructors, Howard Morgan and Chris Petit, for sharing their knowledge and expertise. We also appreciate the Boy Scouts who participated as victims and the Grand Island Moulage Team for also assisting with the disaster simulation.

Congratulations to the recent graduates of our Lancaster CERT class as well.

Safety & Your Tree

- Natural trees should be cut at a 45-degree angle at the base and placed in water.
- Place tree away from sources of heat.
- Use only non-flammable decorations.
- Use only lighting evaluated by a nationally laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Inspect lights for frayed wire or other defects before use.
- Do not leave lights on unattended.
- Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times.
- When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Border Community SERVICE!
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 Dana Estrada, at 716-205-0075 or dle@niagara.edu