September - National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

Whether it's September or any other month of the year, disaster can strike at any time without warning. Be prepared for when - not if - the next emergency will occur.

How prepared are you? Preparedness is a responsibility we all share. Let's do our part.

**Identify Your Risk** - What are the hazards where you live or work? Find out what natural or human caused disasters pose a risk for you. Do you live near a flood plain, an earthquake fault, or in a high fire danger area? Are you prepared for an unexpected human-made disaster that can strike any time? Does your neighborhood or community have a disaster plan?

**Create a Family Disaster Plan** - Your family needs a plan that tells everyone: where to meet if you have to evacuate; who you’ve identified as an out-of-state “family contact”; how to get emergency information in your community; and how to take care of your family pets.

**Practice Your Disaster Plan** - After you have sat down with your family and written your plan - practice it. Know how to respond in the event of any disaster - whether to stay put indoors or whether to evacuate your neighborhood by car.

**Build a Disaster Supply Kit for Your Home** - If you are stranded in your car or have to be self-sufficient at home until help arrives, you need to have a disaster kit with you.

**Prepare Your Children** - Talk to your kids about what the risks are and what your family will do if disaster strikes.

**Don't Forget Those with Special Needs** - Infants, seniors, and those with special needs must not be forgotten. Make sure that supplies for your infant are in your kit and that you have items such as medications, oxygen tank, or other medical supplies that might be required for everyone you are responsible for.

**Learn CPR and First Aid** - Your training could save the life of a loved one or neighbor following a disaster.

**Understand Post-9/11 Risks** - Disaster preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

**Get Involved, Volunteer** - Donate blood, join a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), educate your family and neighbor.
August found the Border Community SERVICE project busy in the City of Buffalo. We attended the Healthy You; Health Us Community Health Fair at Mount Olive Church; presented to Mayor’s Summer Youth at Seneca-Babcock; attended the Bidwell Farmer’s Market and presented to a few GED programs through Bryant & Stratton’s downtown office. Interestingly, one of the classes was headed by an instructor that spends her down-time as one of Buffalo’s most famous musical talents. Now I know what rock stars do for their day jobs!

The Clean Sweeps have been continuing! Street outreach is really important to what we do and bringing information to people in their homes is such a worthwhile endeavor for our program. This month we visited Schuele, Stevens, Northampton and the Shaffer Village, part of the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. Over 150 households directly received preparedness information in August alone.

As you know, September is Preparedness Month and BCS will once again be busy at some big events. Please join us on September 11th outside of City Hall for an informational tabling event to celebrate the Day of Service and to commemorate the events of 2001. We also were invited to attend a large preparedness event at Roswell Park, the Bidwell Market and BCS will be presenting at the LEPC event on September 18th. If you’re in attendance please stop by the presentation and say hello!

### SMART Training/Meeting Calendar - September 2013

The following information has been provided by Pati Aine Guzinski and if you are interested in attending any of these upcoming sessions, please contact Pati Aine as listed below.

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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.

Pati Aine Guzinski
Training Coordinator PH Emergency Preparedness for Erie County
Phone: (716) 858-7109
August began with Border Community SERVICE’s participation at the Niagara County Fair at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Lockport. We had a booth under the Sherriff’s tent for this five-day event that took place July 3-August 4. Many people stopped at our booth and received information on how to better prepare for emergencies and disasters. Participation in this event was made possible by the many CERT members who volunteered their time to man the booth. I want to recognize the following people who helped: Linda Bixler, Deb Clouser, Sophia Eddy, Lenny Hoffman, Frank Kendzierski, Bonnie Klein, Paul Leader, Mary Lostracco, Justin Printup, Rihanna Roemer, Rodney Saunders, Rob Stalker and Connie Terranova.

BCS also participated at the Wheatfield Town Celebration that took place on Sunday, August 25 at Fairmount Park in Wheatfield. Thank you to Bonnie Klein and Karl Rasch for helping at this event. We also attended the Independent Health Good for the Neighborhood Event that took place August 22 at the Doris Jones Center in Niagara Falls where more than 50 families attended and received information on emergency preparedness and a “Grab-and-Go” Safety Kit.

I am still in need of volunteers to assist with events taking place in September. See below for details and let me know if you are available to help. Volunteers who help will receive a CERT t-shirt as an incentive.

Please contact me at 716.205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu if you know of a group that would benefit from a presentation or an upcoming event that we should be involved in.

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**Volunteers Needed for Summer Events**

Come out and enjoy some of Niagara County’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 to 4 hour shifts to promote FEMA’s Ready Campaign material and to inform about Border Community SERVICE programs.

Here is the list of where we will be:

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<td>Hartland Fire Hall</td>
<td>Saturday, September 14</td>
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<td>NYPA Wildlife Festival</td>
<td>Niagara Project Power Vista</td>
<td>Saturday &amp; Sunday, September 28 &amp; 29</td>
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Please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at 205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu and provide the event, date and shift that you are interested in volunteering at. Your service is greatly appreciated!
Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University
Skills Enhancement Training

Presented by: Al Hornung, Life Safety Education/Fire Prevention, Niagara Falls Fire Department

Home Fire Safety Education

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: Niagara University, St. Vincent’s Hall, Room 407

Description: Having to deal with a fire in your own home is a scary situation. With this presentation you will learn the theory of fire and determine if you are at risk in your own home for a fire. The presentation will provide you the opportunity to learn proper fire prevention safety that you can share with your family and neighbors, including tips on cooking fire safety and methods of escaping.

Register: Pre-registration is required by contacting Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at vhaseley@niagara.edu or 205.0076 by Friday, September 13.
SEPTEMBER IS
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!

Public Information Forum
The Erie County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is hosting a Public Information Forum on emergency preparedness that includes presentations by local agencies and organizations.

Public Information Forum
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Erie County Department of Emergency Services
Training and Operations Center Auditorium
3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Light refreshments will be served

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions?
Contact Melissa Calhoun at 716-858-6578

Request for Volunteers
The Niagara County Department of Health will be conducting a free cat/dog microchip clinic at the Niagara County Pet Food Pantry (8600 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, 14304) on Thursday, September 26th from 10am - 1pm. Volunteers would be asked to arrive at 9:00 am.

We are requesting volunteers for various roles, to include but not limited to:
- Vet Techs (for implantation)
- Intake
- Animal Handlers
- Post Observation
- Photo Taking (Pet Reunification)

If you are interested in volunteering for this important event, and/or would like more information, please contact Jayne Ferguson at 439-7439 or jayne.ferguson@niagaracounty.com or Elise Pignatora at 439-7431 or elise.pignatora@niagaracounty.com
This upcoming class is being offered through the Town of Tonawanda. If you are interested, please contact Robert Lutz as listed on the bottom of this notice.

Town of Tonawanda, Kenmore,
City of Tonawanda - Register Now!

Remember the “October Surprise” storm? CERT training greatly enhances individual and community readiness during natural or manmade disasters and emergencies. CERT training includes academic and hands-on instruction followed by a disaster simulation training exercise.

Topics include:
Disaster Preparedness: Disasters & Disaster Workers, Community Preparedness
Fire Safety: Fire Chemistry, Fire Hazards, Fire Safety, & Fire Suppression
Light Search and Rescue: Search & Rescue Size-up and Operations
Emergency Medical Operations I & II: Triage & Treating Life Threatening Injuries
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
FEMA IS 100: Incident Command System introduction

Town of Tonawanda CERT Training is anticipated to start Monday, September 9, 2013. Classes will meet on Monday evenings (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM) and two Saturdays at the Town of Tonawanda Timothy Goff Public Safety Training Center, on Fire Tower Road off of Two Mile Creek Road.

Register NOW!! CERT training is FREE

Participants must be at least 18 years of age (16 with parent approval), attend all 9 sessions.

To Register Contact:
Robert Lutz, Emergency Services – CERT Coordinator
Town of Tonawanda Police Department
Email contact info to - rlutz@tonawanda.ny.us
(716) 879-6685