Free Emergency Preparedness Workshop for all Western New York Scouts

Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University is offering a FREE Emergency Preparedness Workshop for all Western New York Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The workshop is taking place at Niagara University on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Registration is at 8:30 am and the program is from 9 am – 3:30 pm.

This program is open to all Western New York Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts ages 11-18 and includes education and information to complete the requirements of the Girl Scout Emergency Preparedness Patch and the Boy Scout Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge, excluding the practical exercise (disaster drill). A complimentary lunch will be provided to all participants.

If your troop is interested in participating please register online at http://www.niagara.edu/emergency-preparedness-workshop-registration. Please note that there is limited space available.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at 716.205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu.
Border Community SERVICE

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Border Community SERVICE started out the month offering information at Independent Health’s Good for the Neighborhood event at Westminster Community School in the Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood. Lots of students and parents were in attendance and received information. And if you haven’t heard of the school - it's pretty amazing and has benefited greatly from a sponsorship by M&T Bank.

We also recently did another tabling event at the Greater Faith Tabernacle Church on Edison Street. What a great space for an event! Lots of other informational tables were set up so I also learned a great deal as well.

We also were able to offer a presentation at the Dorothy J. Collier Community Center on East Utica. This was a fun, informational presentation - probably one of the longest presentations I have ever given! The attendees had so many insightful questions that we just kept chatting. It’s always wonderful to have an audience as engaged as that!

With the end of October came the end of the Clean Sweeps in the City of Buffalo. This month we were able to visit Custer and West Northrup Place; Koons, Goodyear and Liddell; Townsend, Coit, and Detroit; and Alman and Dorris. That means that 193 households received information at their front door this month alone! Border Community SERVICE appreciates the opportunity to be a part of this great outreach and will look forward to starting again in April of 2014.

**Don’t forget to push back your clocks and get an extra hour of sleep this Saturday/Sunday as Daylight Savings ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 3rd.**

- Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check your emergency supply kits (both in the home and vehicles) to make sure they’re fully stocked. If not, make a quick list of what you’ll need to do to get them ready.
- Make sure your Family Communications Plan information (phone numbers, etc) is still valid.

**Common Sense with Deep Frying a Turkey**

In recent years deep-frying turkeys has become increasingly popular. The cooking method requires placing the turkey in three gallons or more of oil, heated by propane. But cooking with deep-fat turkey fryers can be very dangerous as they have a high risk of tipping over, overheating, or spilling hot oil. That could lead to fires, burns, or other injuries. **Use common sense!** Proceed with caution. Read the instructions that come with your fryer! Look for a good, flat spot to place your burner and tank on. A wooden deck can burn or char easily, so a level grass or dirt surface would probably suit the task best. Concrete or other finished surface could get stained by the oil, so keep that in mind. Make sure you’re not underneath the overhang of your roof, or under tree branches, or too close to any buildings. If there is an accident, the flames can go quite high and spread out fast. These cookers get very hot; the grease is extremely flammable, and it can erupt like a volcano if you don’t do it right.

**Key Tip:** Keep a full fire extinguisher within reach – one that is rated for grease fires – at all times.
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October is National Fire Prevention month and BCS was invited to St. Johnburg’s Fire Company’s Open House on Saturday, October 12 to provide information on Emergency Preparedness to the families in attendance. Thank you to Gary Janik and Janice Vertlieb for volunteering at the table.

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 each of these events, I talked with more than 60 employees and provided them with valuable information on emergency preparedness and a Grab-and-Go Safety kit that including a whistle, lightstick, bandaids and a dust mask. This kit is perfect to keep in the car and it encouraged people to think of what other supplies they should have on hand in case of an emergency.

BCS also participated at the Highland Community Revitalization Committee’s “Trunk or Treat” event where local children were able to trick-or-treat in a safe environment. Each child received an emergency preparedness coloring book, crayons and a mini first aid kit. The more than 80 kids who came out to this family friendly event were extremely appreciative of the items.

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.

SMART Training/Meeting Calendar - November 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 Academy3359 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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- For Ages 11-18

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