SAVE THE DATE!!!

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

Border Community SERVICE

EMPOWERING VOLUNTEERS CONFERENCE AT NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

Our annual free day-long conference for volunteers and community leaders will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 9:00 am till 2:15 pm at NU. 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 5 of this newsletter.

Our keynote speaker will be James Markovich, Special Agent FBI speaking on Cyber Footprints: Computer-Related Investigations. His presentation will begin promptly at 9:15 am in the Castellani Art Museum.

The conference will also include the following presentations:

Morning Session: (choice of one)

• Imposter Detection - John Chiarello, Training Instructor, Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy
• Introduction to Canning - Greg Merriam, Elma CERT
• Intro to Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards - John Waszak, Chemical Security Inspector, US Department of Homeland Security

Afternoon Session: (choice of one)

• Transportation Systems in Disaster: Assessing Vulnerability in Communities - Fred Frank, LEED AP BD+C, Senior Planner, Parsons Brinckerhoff
• Safety and Preparedness for Our Weather: A Look at What Not to Do - Judy Levan, Warning Coordination Meteorologist National Weather Services
• Faith Based Response to Disasters/VOAD’s - Rev. John Klatt, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Rick Koch, United Methodist Church, Jan Tyson, Presbytery of WNY

Please register today and bring a friend!
On March 20th, the BEN UASI region was notified that they once again have been excluded from eligibility from UASI funding. Congressman Brian Higgins arranged a press conference, along with our local leadership, to announce our region’s exclusion and call for the Western New York region to have funding reinstated. This funding has been critical to our area’s readiness and resiliency. To learn more about the press conference please visit: http://higgins.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/congressman-higgins-local-public-safety-leaders-sound-alarm-on-buffalo

After a very long winter, we’ve once again started to partner with the City of Buffalo’s Division of Youth Services and the City of Buffalo Public Schools. Most recently we’ve visited the Boy’s Council group to give a presentation on emergency preparedness. It was a great group, with lots of insight on both historical and current events that really shaped our discussion. I’m looking forward to more wonderful student groups like this!

Another great group of CERT volunteers are graduating from their course work on April 2nd. The individuals will all prove to be a tremendous asset to our region and we’re so glad to have them on board.

As you all know from reading our newsletter, we’ve been very busy prepping for the annual Empowering Volunteers conference to be held on May 17th. I’m going to go out on a limb by saying that this year’s conference offerings are proving to be the most well rounded we’ve had and I’m excited by the new, fresh, and very important topics our guest speakers are offering. Please consider attending!

Western New York survived another Blizzard, this one taking place on March 12th. This is the first time our region had two blizzards in one winter since keeping weather records. Even though Spring officially began on March 20th, we are still waiting for the weather to cooperate. In the meantime, I guess we will keep bundling up, have the snow brushes handy and keep the shovels out for a couple of more weeks.

In March, I had the pleasure to present at the Hartland Bible Church and spoke to about 20 people on the importance of planning for emergencies and disasters. It was a great group of individuals who asked many questions and will use the information to ensure their family and friends are safe should a situation should arise.

Niagara University and Niagara County Community College both held their annual Health and Wellness Fairs and I was able to attend. I spoke to many students and faculty about putting together disaster kits for their home or dorm and provided them tips of supplies to also keep in their cars due to travelling between school and home.

Please let me know if you have a group or organization that would be interested in having a presentation on emergency preparedness. I’d be happy to come out and present “Preparing Makes Sense” to them. I can be contacted at 205-0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu.
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 at least 2 weeks before each session.

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Earth Day is more than a one-day event or annual environmental wake-up call. It is a catalyst for ongoing education, action, and change. It should be a year round effort, leading to significant or even small changes to help keep our planet cleaner and make people aware of how even small environmentally friendly changes do add up.

So - clean out the garage and take your bottles and cans to the store and recycle them. Then spend the money you get and go out and plant a tree!
SUMMER SKYWARN TRAINING

Join staff from the National Weather Service and learn how to identify severe summer weather.

Date: April 7, 2017
Time: 7:00-9:00PM
Location: Erie County Fire Training Academy
3359 Broadway Rd., Cheektowaga

This course is free!

Register at: ECMRC@erie.gov or call 858-7101 or 858-7109

Please leave your name, contact phone number and the name of your organization/group. This is popular class... please reserve your seat as soon as possible. Registration ends on 4/4/14.
Registration for 2014 Empowering Volunteers Conference
Presented by Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University,
a regional Citizen Preparedness Training Center, on Saturday, May 17, 2014

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Title: ____________________________________________________________
Agency: __________________________________________________________
Affiliation: _________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _________ Zip: _____________
Email: ________________________________ Phone/Cell: ________________
Fax: ________________________________

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

Workshop Session One:
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-Schedule subject to change-

I do _____ do not _____ plan to attend lunch
- lunch is provided by BCS -

Please register by May 13 one of the following ways:
o Mail form to: Border Community SERVICE, PO Box 2040, Niagara University, NY 14109
o Fax this registration form to 716-205-0072
o On-line thru www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice
o Call Gail Struzik at 205-0077 and she will complete a registration form