Saturday, May 17, 2014

BCS EMPOWERING VOLUNTEERS CONFERENCE

Still time to register!

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](http://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
- Introduction to Canning
- Intro to Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards

**Afternoon Session**: *(choice of one)*
- Transportation Systems in Disaster: Assessing Vulnerability in Communities
- Safety and Preparedness for Our Weather: A Look at What Not to Do
- Faith Based Response to Disasters/VOAD’s

The quickest way to register for the conference would be to call the office at (716) 205-0077 and leave your name and phone number along with what presentations you would like to attend and if you can join us for lunch. A registration form will be completed for you. Or complete the registration form (found on page 6 of this newsletter) and return to our office via fax: 716-205-0072. Join us and bring along a friend or two!!!
Finally it’s May and finally a break in the weather! We’re only a few weeks away from the conference and we really hope you choose to join us…and bring a friend! We’re really excited by the diversity of our offerings this year and it’s shaping up to be one of our best conferences yet! Hope to see you there - register today!

Things have been moving in Buffalo! We’re happy to have partnered with the Edward Saunders Community Center on Bailey Avenue to present preparedness information to over 40 students and staff in their after school program. We’ve also visited the Dr. Charles Early Childhood Center and East High School for wonderful tabling events. We were able to meet some great new potential partners at both events too!

We’ve also started work with the City of Buffalo’s Clean Sweep Initiative. So far we’ve visited Stockbridge and Berkshire in the Kensington-Bailey neighborhood and Lark, Sidney, Inter Park and Rickert along Humboldt Parkway. I’m so happy to be back doing the Clean Sweeps – it’s a wonderful event for our program and for the people we visit.

As always, if you know of a group or organization who would be interested in a preparedness presentation, let me know. I can be reached at dle@niagara.edu or at 205-0075.

May is almost here and I am looking forward to enjoy some much needed warm weather. Hopefully it will be here before we know it! April ended with BCS participating at the Council of Older Adults (COA) in Niagara County Annual Spring Conference & Resource Fair at Antonio’s Banquet Center. This was a great event attended by about 75 individuals. This year’s theme was “Stay Safe!” I was able to present to this group as well as participate in the resource fair. I was even able to make connections with many of the senior groups who would like a presentation in the future. I am looking forward to arranging that with them.

On Wednesday, April 30th, I also participated in the first National Day of Action for “America’s PrepareAthon!” by having a table at Niagara Falls City Hall. I was able to encourage people to put together an emergency supply kit and make a plan with their family during a disaster situation. The information was well received by anyone who stopped to talk.

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.
SMART Training/Meeting Calendar - May 2014

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.

Pati Aine Guzinski
Training Coordinator PH Emergency Preparedness for Erie County
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Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University joined National Day of Action

The White House recently announced the first National Day of Action which took place on Wednesday, April 30th and BCS was part of it! “America’s PrepareAthon!” is a nationwide, community-based campaign to build a more secure and resilient nation by getting more Americans to understand what disasters could happen in their communities and what to do to be safe and prepared.

BCS offers free community preparedness training and participation opportunities in the City of Buffalo and throughout Niagara County, focusing on the four key strategic points of U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s “Ready” campaign:

1. Get a kit
2. Make a plan
3. Be informed
4. Get involved

To learn more, please contact:

Dana Estrada at dle@niagara.edu for presentations within Buffalo
Valerie Haseley at vhaseley@niagara.edu for Niagara County presentations
The Cost of Freedom Tribute is a 190-foot display honoring all veterans currently serving, or who have served, in any American war from the American Revolution to present day missions. The traveling wall is an 80% replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Oakfield-Alabama American Legion Post 626 in Basom, NY, is sponsoring the Cost of Freedom Tribute. They are seeking volunteers, escort groups, and veterans' groups participation during the tribute scheduled for June 11-15, 2014. If interested, please email: oapost626wall@gmail.com.

FEMA Smartphone App – Disaster Planning Tool at your Fingertips

The FEMA App for mobile devices is available for Android, Apple and Blackberry smartphones. This App contains disaster safety tips, an interactive emergency kit list, emergency meeting location information, and a map with open shelters and open FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs). It also has a new Disaster Reporter feature where users can take and submit GPS photo reports of disasters so they can be displayed on a public map for others to view (for Android & Apple iOS phones only).

To download this or for more information, visit http://www.fema.gov/smartphone-app or search for it on your phone’s app store.
May 8th is National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day

The Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) has recognized May 8th as National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day. In honor of this day here are some tips you can do to make sure your pet is safe during a disaster situation.

Prepare an Emergency Kit - Have a pet emergency kit prepared and ready for a disaster. This kit should have:
- At least three days supply of food and water and bowls to eat/drink out of
- Two weeks of your pet’s medications
- Litter boxes with litter, if you have cats
- Extra leashes and collars
- Vaccination and medical records
- Photos and descriptions of each pet
- Pet first aid kit and pet first aid book

Proper Identification and Updated Vaccinations - Having your pet licensed AND micro-chipped can protect your pet and help identify them if they were to become lost. Also, keep your pet’s vaccinations current, and keep the records handy.

Picture Perfect - Have a photograph taken of you with your pets to show proof of ownership should you become separated.

Leave Early and Take Your Pet - One of the most important things to do if you are evacuating your home is to take your pets with you because you may be forced to stay away longer than anticipated. In addition, leave early and don’t wait for mandatory evacuation orders because if emergency officials have to evacuate you, you might be told to leave your pets behind.

Safe Places for Your Pet - Evacuation shelters generally don’t accept pets and for this reason it’s important to plan ahead to ensure that your pets and family will have a safe place to stay. Research hotels and motels outside your immediate area for pet policies and ask friends and relatives outside the area if you and your pets can stay with them in case of a disaster.

In Case You’re Away - A disaster may strike when you’re away from home. Make arrangements in advance with a trusted neighbor (who is comfortable with your pets and knows where in the home they are likely to be) to take them and meet you at a specified location.

Pet Carriers - Have pet carriers ready that are the correct sizes for each of your pets. Make sure each carrier is labeled with your contact information, should you become separated from your pet.

Large Animals - If you have large animals or livestock, have enough trailers or travel containers available for all of them. If possible, make arrangements with boarding facilities or a friend with a ranch in a different area to take in your large animals in the event of a disaster.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov/caring-animals.
Since 1980 Children’s Disaster Services has been caring for children after disasters in shelters and assistance centers by providing volunteers specially trained and certified to care for children who have experienced a disaster. Using techniques that utilize toys that encourage expression, volunteers provide a calm safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by a disaster. Although we are part of Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministries, our workshop is open to anyone over the age of 18.

Participants in the 27-hour workshop learn to provide comfort and encouragement to children by offering the healing young children need in traumatic situations. They learn to create a safe, friendly environment that gives children the chance to engage in therapeutic play activities designed to relieve stress and calm fears.

This workshop includes a simulated shelter experience (an overnight stay) and will be provided to any group of 15 or more adults interested in working with children after a disaster. Participants completing the course will have the opportunity to become certified Children’s Disaster Services volunteers.

Because children can experience personal disasters (when a friend moves away, a pet dies, etc.) people who come in contact with a distressed child can benefit from this workshop. Many of the concepts taught in the workshop are appropriate to use at those times as well as after disasters.

**Topics include:**
- shelter simulation (includes an overnight stay)
- disasters (types and phases)
- children
  - needs after a disaster
  - how to respond to children in a healing manner
  - the role of play after a disaster
  - how to use play to start recovery in children
- Children’s Disaster Services Centers
  - set up
  - operation
  - safety procedures
  - volunteers’ roles
- Self-care onsite and after returning home

**Workshop Location and Details:**
Victor, New York    June 13 - 14, 2014

Victor United Methodist Church
106 E. Main Street
Victor, New York 14564

**Contact:**    Dot Norsen – 585-924-7516
                or Children’s Disaster Services, 410-635-8735, or 800-451-4407, option 5

Please visit www.childrensdisasterservices.org for more information.

**Cost** - $45.00 - early registration fee includes all meals, curriculum, and one overnight

$55.00 - late registration fee when mailed less than three weeks before

Workshops are limited to 25 persons, so please register early
Tour de Cure in search of CERT Volunteers

The Niagara County Medical Reserve Corps has invited Niagara County CERT to assist with the Tour de Cure in Niagara County this year. This event, which benefits the American Diabetes Association, is the largest bike tour in Niagara County, with up to 1200 riders, and involves several courses ranging from 6 to 100 miles in length. All courses begin and end at the NCCC campus in Sanborn.

This year's Tour de Cure will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2014. The first riders will depart around 6 a.m., and the event should end by 2 p.m. CERT coverage at the rest stops will be from about 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

If you are interested in assisting please let Valerie Haseley know by May 23rd at vhaseley@niagara.edu so we can pass your name to the Tour de Cure. Thank you!

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If you have hope for a cure and the resolve to help, channel your passion to beat cancer by volunteering at The Ride For Roswell. Each year, The Ride For Roswell counts on nearly 2,000 dedicated volunteers who work together to ensure a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all. Their passion and commitment are what makes Ride Weekend a success!

The 19th annual Ride For Roswell, presented by West Herr Automotive Group, is quickly approaching! The Opening Ceremony will kick off Ride Weekend at the University at Buffalo's North Campus on Friday, June 27th. The Ride will take place on **Saturday, June 28th**, where nearly 10,000 riders, patients, survivors, volunteers and Roswell Park supporters will come together to make the Ride a success.

**WE NEED YOU!** As a CERT Volunteer, you can choose and schedule a position that matches your interests, skills, experience, and physical abilities.

**Critical Volunteers Include:**

**Route Operations Support:** work in the Routes Operations Center at the Amherst Police Department by answering telephone calls and assist with the dispatching of support vehicles.

**Route Vehicle Support:** drive the routes and make deliveries to Rest Stops, help with communications by having HAM radio operator along as a passenger, and offer mechanical or first-aid assistance to riders.

**Route Guides:** direct riders at turns and intersections, watch out for rider safety and cheer on participants.

Majority of the above volunteer positions are 3 to 4 hour shifts starting as early as 5:00am and ending by 3:00pm on Saturday, June 28th.

*For more information, visit www.RideForRoswell.org*

**By Monday, May 12th, please email Dana Estrada (dle@niagara.edu) your name, telephone number, email, availability and volunteer position. A Ride representative will contact you with further details after May 12th regarding specific duties/training and registration information.**

**Thank you for supporting Roswell Park Cancer Institute**

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

Workshop Session One:
☐ Imposter Detection - John Chiarello, Training Instructor, Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy
☐ Introduction to Canning - Greg Merriam, Elma CERT

Workshop Session Two:
☐ 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

-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