Border Community SERVICE

Annual Empowering Volunteers Conference
Saturday, June 6, 2015

JOIN US!

Our annual free day-long conference for volunteers and community leaders will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 am till 2:15 pm at Niagara University. Detailed information is available at the BCS website:


The registration form for this conference can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Our keynote address will be presented by The Joint Terrorism Task Force, specialists working together to pool talents, skills and knowledge to protect communities from terrorist attack. The presentation will begin promptly at 9:15 am in St. Vincent’s Hall, 4th floor, room 407. PLEASE NOTE: This location is a change from previous years’ conferences. A continental breakfast will be available for all.

The conference will also include the following presentations:

Morning Session (choice of one)
- Fire and Life Safety Workshop
- Epidemiology

Afternoon Session (choice of one)
- Lessons from Cuba: Preparing Citizens and Protecting Communities
- Response & Recovery - An Insurance Perspective

A complimentary lunch will be provided by BCS.

The quickest way to register would be via the website or call Gail at 205-0077, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30am-1:30pm.

PLEASE REGISTER BY June 3, 2015
And bring along a friend or two!
What a busy month April was! We had some great presentations this month including at the Friends of the Elderly, the new Catholic Health Administrative Center, with Daemen University students regarding a project they’re involved in, and others. Border Community SERVICE also was at the East High Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, April 25th. This event is a favorite each year. The students are fantastic, the event well organized, and the best part is the amount of people from the community that come out for it!

We also began the City of Buffalo Clean Sweeps. Weather delayed the start a bit but we were able to make visits to households on Guilford, Reed, and Strauss and Wakefield and Victoria. In the two short weeks BCS was already able to reach over 100 homes with preparedness literature!

I want to encourage all of you to come out for our 8th Annual Empowering Volunteers Conference on Saturday, June 6th. We have GREAT presentations scheduled, will have a wonderful breakfast and lunch provided, raffles, a great giveaway for each attendee and wonderful networking! Please feel free to invite friends and family that might be interested in our topics too – the more, the merrier!

National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
May 8

When disaster strikes, you need to be prepared for your household - everyone that you love - and that includes your pets who depend on you to keep them safe. So, have an emergency plan in place for all you love!

Here are some steps to help keep your furry family safe:

• Have a plan that includes how you will transport your animals in case of an evacuation - possible routes you will take and your sheltering options. Some evacuation shelters may not accept pets, so plan ahead so that everyone has a safe place to stay.

• Build a kit that will include photos of your pet, medical records, vaccination records, special foods and prescriptions. The best way to identify your pet is to have them microchipped.

• Keep abreast of the conditions and leave early and take your pet(s) with you as you may be forced to stay away longer than anticipated. Take along your “pet kit” as well as pet food, toys, leash and collar, bottled water, and plastic bags for clean-up purposes. Make sure you monitor the road conditions and have alternate travel plans if the need arises. In the event you are away from home when disaster occurs, have arrangements made in advance with a trusted neighbor to take your pets with them and meet you at a specified location.

• Make sure you have a picture of you with your pet(s) to help show proof of ownership should you become separated. Sometimes a picture is what will bring your family back together!
SMART Training/Meeting Calendar - May 2015

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
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Memorial Day Tidbits

- Memorial Day was first celebrated on May 30, 1868. It was observed by placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers during the first national celebration. After World War I, Memorial Day was changed from honoring civil war dead to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.
- Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. This date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.
- In 1915 Moina Michael wrote a poem about war. She then came up with an idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.
- On Memorial Day, the flag should be at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.
- “Taps” is often played at ceremonies on Memorial Day.
- New York was the 1st state to officially recognize Memorial Day.
- Flowers and flags are the two most popular items people use to remember soldiers.
- The south refused to honor the dead on Memorial Day until after World War I when the meaning of Memorial Day changed from honoring civil war dead to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.
- Memorial Day was declared a federal holiday in 1971.

source: https://kidskonnect.com/holidays-seasons/memorial-day/
CERT Volunteers Wanted!

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. The Ride For Roswell counts on over 2,000 dedicated volunteers support 8,000 cyclists to ensure a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all. Their passion and commitment are what makes Ride Weekend a success!

2015 marks the 20th anniversary of The Ride For Roswell, presented by West Herr Automotive Group! The Opening Ceremony will kick off Ride Weekend at the University at Buffalo’s North Campus on Friday, June 26, 2015. The Ride will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

Volunteer Communications Officers:

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2015

Location: Amherst Police Department
500 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228

Shifts: 5:30 am – 8:30 am
8:15 am – 10:30 am
10:15 am – 1:30 pm
1:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Duties: Work with Erie County Amateur radio Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Town Dispatchers, and Ride Staff to manage rider support and emergency telephone calls, and vehicle dispatch.

Environment: Indoor, air conditioned call center, second floor, ADA accessible, food and beverages provided.

Sign up for one or more shifts.

For more information contact:
Tom Johnston, Operations Manager, The Ride For Roswell
thomas.johnston@roswellpark.org
(716) 845 - 3945

Thank you for supporting Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Major Sponsors: CSX, Dunkin’ Donuts, M&T Bank, New Era Cap, Praxair, Sahlen’s, Superior Group, Time Warner Cable News, Tops Markets, University at Buffalo, & WGRZ-TV.
Registration for 2015 Empowering Volunteers Conference  
Presented by Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University, a regional Citizen Preparedness Training Center, on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Title: ___________________________________________________________
Agency: __________________________________________________________
Affiliation: _______________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ________ Zip: ______________
Email: __________________________________________________________________
Phone/Cell: ___________________________ Fax: _______________________

Keynote Address

The Joint Terrorism Task Force

The JTTF is our nation’s front line on terrorism: small cells of highly trained, locally based, passionately committed investigators, analysts, linguists, SWAT experts, and other specialists from dozens of U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies working together to pool talents, skills, and knowledge to protect communities from terrorist attack.

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

Workshop Session One:

☐ Fire and Life Safety Workshop - Firefighter Al Hornung, Niagara Falls Fire Department
☐ Epidemiology - Mary Walawander, Erie County Department of Health/Epidemiology

Workshop Session Two:

☐ Lessons from Cuba: Preparing Citizens and Protecting Communities - Nicole Gerber, Grand Island Emergency Manager
☐ Response & Recovery - An Insurance Perspective - Laura Capizzi & Kathleen Clouden; State Farm Insurance

- Schedule subject to change -

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

Please register by June 3, 2015 one of the following ways:

- Mail form to: Border Community SERVICE, PO Box 2040, Niagara University, NY 14109
- Fax this registration form to 716-205-0072
- Call Gail Struzik at 205-0077 and she will complete a registration form