

CERT Trainings

**Register now and recruit others for these final
 CERT Training Courses sponsored by the
 Border Community SERVICE Project**

CERT trainings have been scheduled at seven locations and more are being planned in locations including the **Niagara Active Hose Fire Department** and at **Roswell Park Cancer Institute** in the City of Buffalo. If you haven't taken CERT Training and would like to do so, remember these courses will be the **final free CERT classes** offered by our program. **Please register now!** Spread the word and encourage your friends, neighbors and colleagues to enroll by calling our office at 205-0070 or at our website: www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice.

Cambria

starts Thursday, January 11, 2007

The Cambria Volunteer Fire Department will present a course on Thursday evenings from January 11 through February 22 at the Cambria Volunteer Fire Hall (Cambria-Wilson Road) from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. The final simulation exercise is planned for Saturday, February 24 or March 3 from 9 AM to 2 PM. A specific date will be announced at training.

Grand Island

starts Thursday, January 11, 2007

The Grand Island Fire Company will present a course on Thursday evenings from January 11 through February 22 at the Grand Island Fire Hall (Baseline Road) from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. The final simulation exercise is Saturday, February 24 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

North Tonawanda

starts Thursday, January 11, 2007

North Tonawanda Emergency Management will host CERT training on Thursday evenings from January 11 through February 22 at Sweeney Hose Co. (495 Zimmerman Blvd.) from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. The final exercise is on Saturday, February 24 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Eastern Niagara County

starts Wednesday, January 17, 2007

CERT Training in Eastern Niagara County starts January 17, 2007. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings (6:30 PM - 9:30 PM) through February 28, 2007 at the Hartland Fire Department (8945 Ridge Road). A final disaster simulation exercise is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Niagara University

starts Saturday, January 20, 2007

A training on the NU campus begins on Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Classes continue every Saturday, 9 AM to 3:30 PM through February 10, 2007. The final simulation exercise is Saturday, February 17 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Classes will be held in Dunleavy Hall, Room 127.

Amherst

starts Monday, January 22, 2007

The Town of Amherst course will be on a series of seven Monday and Thursday evenings beginning Monday, January 22, 2007 and ending Thursday, February 15, 2007 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Sessions will be held at the Harlem Road Community Center (4255 Harlem Rd.). The course review and simulated disaster training exercise will be on Saturday, February 24, from 9 AM - 2 PM.

City of Niagara Falls

starts Thursday, February 1, 2007

The City of Niagara Falls course will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 PM on February 1, 5, 8, 12, 22 & 26 in the training room of Niagara Falls FD headquarters located at 3115 Walnut Avenue at Hyde Park Blvd. The exercise will be on March 3, 2007

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Can You Help Us?

The start of so many CERT courses at nearly the same time means many manuals and CERT backpacks are needed. Please help us to prepare these materials on **Monday, January 8** (10 AM to noon) at our office located at **443 Roosevelt Avenue, NF, NY 14305** off Hyde Park Blvd. near Rt. 104.

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

A special "thank you" to the following volunteers who offered their CERT skills at the First Responder Point of Dispensing Exercise held at Niagara Falls Fire Department Headquarters held on Tuesday, December 19, 2006. The Niagara County Department of Health appreciated their help and efforts. Border Community SERVICE was pleased with the large turnout!

Donna Phillips
Anthony Caruana
Diane Caruana
Maria Crea, MD
Bob Durfey
Jim Elliott
Priscilla Elliott

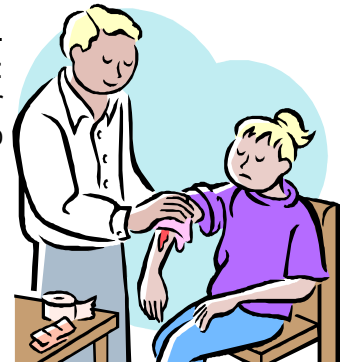
Marianne Evans
Denise Fischer
Norma Higgs
Rocco LaRocca, DDS
Dave Steuernagel



Thank you to everyone else who made the drill a success!

Community First Aid & Safety

An ARC Community First Aid & Safety class is scheduled for Thursdays in February. Classes will be at the Harlem Road Community Center (4255 Harlem Rd.) from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. If you live in the Buffalo Chapter boundaries, this is an excellent chance to expand your skills. If you began ARC training and are missing components, this is an excellent opportunity to complete those missing skills.



Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. Please call 205-0070 to enroll.

"Family and Friends CPR Anytime" Get your kit before they're gone!

"Family and Friends CPR Anytime" kits have arrived and they're even better than we expected! If you have not picked yours up at our office, or made other arrangements to receive it, please do so today!

Kits are available a first come - first served basis. The kits will be given only to those volunteers who earned CPR certification previously. Once the kits are gone, they're gone!

The kit will enable volunteers to practice and maintain CPR skills for a long time to come. It also allows you to share information with family members and others. Please call 205-0070 to arrange to pick up your "Family and Friends CPR Anytime" kit.

Volunteer Opportunities



Border Community SERVICE is an organization of trained emergency preparedness volunteers. The program goal is to have volunteers provide 4 hours or more of community service each month. Here are several opportunities for volunteering:

CERT Materials Preparation: On Monday, January 8th (10 AM to noon) help us ready CERT training materials including manuals and kits in the Border Community SERVICE office located at 443 Roosevelt Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14305 off Hyde Park Blvd. near Rt. 104.

Local Red Cross Chapter BCS provides training with 3 local chapters of the American Red Cross. Local Chapters need volunteers to assist with various programs and activities. Please contact your local Chapter if interested. If you are unsure which Chapter to contact, please call us. Report all hours of ARC time to us.

Project Linus provides blankets to seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need children. Volunteers are needed to create blankets and help gather financial support. Contact the WNY Chapter at (716) 627 - 3883 or e-mail plwny@adelphia.net to offer your help with this worthy effort.

Niagara County Medical Reserve Corps The NCMRC is a group of medical personnel (doctors, dentist, pharmacists,

and nurses) willing to augment available medical personnel in the event of an emergency. The NMRC meets monthly for training. Please call our office for more information.

NYS Animal Response Team NYSART promotes and supports the creation of County Animal Response Teams (CARTs). Attend a NYSART orientation and become a volunteer. People are needed with various skills, expertise, and resources. NYSART volunteers will have priority consideration for available training, and will participate in planning, preparedness, and response activities. Contact the NYS Dept of Agriculture & Markets, Division of Animal Industry, Attn: David Chico, 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235.

If you know of volunteer activities appropriate for BCS volunteers and would like to include us, please contact our office.

Border Community SERVICE must report volunteer hours to our funding agency. Please keep a personal account of your volunteer activity. Our office sends a monthly reminder to report hours accrued. Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance!

Volunteers Put Advanced Training into Action!

Congratulations to the Niagara Falls Chapter of the American Red Cross! The chapter was recently selected to host a National Emergency Response Vehicle. ERVs are an important symbol that help has arrived because they're used to assist volunteers provide their feeding, communications and mass care services. The vehicle will be loaned out in support of disaster relief workers at both local and national levels.

Two Border Community SERVICE volunteers, Priscilla Baker and Julia Largo, completed ERV training and were selected to travel to Florida and drive the new vehicle back to Niagara Falls. The mother-daughter duo are two of our program's advanced level trained volunteers. Both are members of CERT teams and have completed courses for the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team, including training to drive these special response vehicles! Julia and Priscilla were activated to assist in post-Katrina recovery efforts.

The ERV was officially welcomed on December 20, 2006 with a reception at ARC-NFC headquarters.

Thanks very much, Julia, for sharing this picture that shows you standing in front of the new vehicle!

