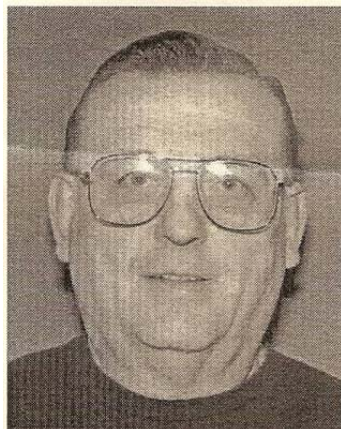


Fallen Volunteer & CERT Advocate

Gerald A. Machajewski

(December 19, 1943 - May 21, 2006)



Gerry Machajewski, a 63 year old member of the Town of Cambria Fire Department, was stricken by an apparent heart attack and died on May 21, 2006 while assisting with the loading of injured persons into an ambulance at the scene of a multiple car collision at the intersection of Saunders Settlement Road and Campbell Boulevard.

Gerry was also a very active volunteer and supporter of the Border Community SERVICE program. Having completed CERT training offered by Erie County, he became determined to bring CERT training to Niagara County. He attended meetings of the Niagara County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) where he advocated strongly for CERT training.

Gerry was a community activist who firmly believed that individuals have a personal responsibility to be prepared to assist their families, neighbors, colleagues and associates in the event of an emergency. He volunteered to coordinate CERT training at the Town of Cambria Fire Department.

Prior to Gerry's untimely passing, CERT Training at the Cambria FD had been scheduled to begin on June 8,

2006. According to Howard Morgan, President of the Town of Cambria Fire Department, the CERT training, although postponed, will take place at a later date in Gerry's honor.

Gerry is survived by his beloved wife, Mary, and son, Erik Machajewski. Erik is also enrolled as a Border Community SERVICE volunteer and completed CERT Training.

Gerry's special commitment to CERT was recognized by his family by their invitation to members of Greater Niagara CERT to place the pall on his casket during the funeral service.

Other Greater Niagara CERT members were honored to assist the Town of Cambria Fire Department in directing traffic arriving there for the after funeral luncheon.

Donations to honor Gerry's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or to the Town of Cambria Fire Department.

Gerry was a wonderful friend of ours and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Gerry.

Pictured below are members of Greater Niagara CERT who assisted during the funeral and luncheon. Front row, left to right: Tammy Rogowski, Helen LaChat, Dorothy Carter, and Martha Crowley.

Back row, left to right: Dick Nelson, Bob Durfey, Nick D'Agostino, and Joe Highway.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Border Community SERVICE is an organization of volunteers who agreed to provide an average of 4 hours per month of community service when they were trained. Many opportunities exist to volunteer time in your community.

Healthy Neighborhoods

Healthy Neighborhoods is looking for volunteers to help them during weekdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers will accompany the Healthy Neighborhoods staff who visit homes to promote healthy choices. BCS volunteers will share emergency preparedness information to the households, distribute first aid kits and assist with survey completion. For more information, please contact Gail Root of Healthy Neighborhoods at (716) 278-8292.

Local Red Cross Chapter

BCS provides training in partnership

with local chapters of the American Red Cross. Your local Red Cross Chapter needs volunteers to assist with blood drives, provide office support, train to be members of the local Disaster Assistance Program and support their work in many other ways. Contact your local chapter if interested. If you are unsure of which Chapter is yours, please contact us.

16th Annual Nissan Buffalo Marathon & Half Marathon

Come cheer on local, national and international runners assisting as a volunteer at the 16th Annual Nissan Buffalo Marathon and Half Marathon! The Marathon is being held on the morning of Sunday May 28th and volunteers are needed to serve as Traffic Control along the course route. Please contact Bob Kaminski at 833-7596 or 510-0116 to sign up for a route assignment. Proceeds from the Nissan Buffalo Marathon benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute



and Hospice of Buffalo.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Nola at (716) 205-0070, unless otherwise noted. If you know of any volunteer activities that would be appropriate for BCS volunteers, please contact the office.

Please maintain a log of volunteer hours. Our office will send a reminder to report any hours accrued. Border Community SERVICE is required to report volunteer hours to our funding agency. Your cooperation with the collection of those hours is greatly appreciated.

Have Your CPR Certifications Expired?

Have your Adult CPR with AED Skills and Infant & Child CPR certifications expired? Anyone who enrolled as a Border Community SERVICE volunteer prior to June 1, 2005 may find that their one-year ARC certifications CPR have expired. We encourage you to renew your certification by attending these classes again.

ARC certification in "First Aid Basics" is valid for 3 years and it isn't necessary to repeat this training at this time.

These CPR facts and statistics that may persuade you to consider renewing your certifications:

- About 75% to 80% of all out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen at home, so being trained to perform CPR can mean the difference between life and death.
- Effective bystander CPR can double a victim's chance of survival if provided immediately after cardiac arrest.
- CPR helps maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain and increases the amount of time that an electric shock from a defibrillator can be effective.

- Approximately 95% of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital.
- Brain death begins 4 to 6 minutes after someone experiences cardiac arrest if no CPR and defibrillation occurs during that time.
- If bystander CPR is *not* provided, a sudden cardiac arrest victim's chances of survival fall 7 percent to 10 percent for every minute of delay until defibrillation. Few attempts at resuscitation are successful if CPR and defibrillation are *not* provided within minutes of collapse.
- Approximately 330,000 of all annual adult *coronary heart disease* deaths in the U.S. are due to sudden cardiac arrest, suffered outside the hospital setting and in hospital emergency departments. About 900 Americans die every day due to sudden cardiac arrest.

As always, recertification training is available free of charge to our volunteers. You invest your interest and time. To determine the next available training dates, please call our office at 716 205-0070 or check either our website or the monthly newsletter for information.

Basic Volunteer Training

One Basic Level Training has been scheduled at this time. Volunteers who still need training components are invited to attend the missing components and complete your training. As pre-registration is required, please call 205-0070. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis; walk-ins can not be accommodated.

All of these classes are open to new volunteers. If you have friends, neighbors or colleagues who are interested in joining our volunteer program, please have them call the office at 716 205-0070 or enroll online at www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice.

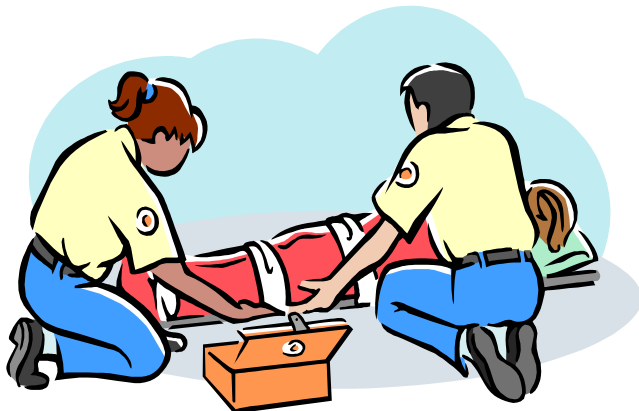
Some volunteers have yet to complete the "Together We Prepare - Train the Trainer" portion of our program. This is an excellent time to do so. In addition, many of our volunteers' certifications in Adult CPR with AED Skills and the Infant & Child CPR are expired or will soon expire. Please call the office to make arrangements if you want to renew CPR certifications.

First Aid Basics and Together We Prepare certifications do not need to be renewed at this time.

ARC-NFC at Niagara Arts & Cultural Center 1251 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls

Saturday July 8, 2006: 9 AM - 4:30 PM Adult CPR with AED Skills and Infant & Child CPR

Saturday July 15, 2006: 9 AM-3:30 PM First Aid Basics and Together We Prepare Train the Trainer



Attention: Conference Volunteers

The 2006 Bi-National Emergency Preparedness Conference will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, July 19 & 20, 2006 at The Conference Center Niagara Falls.

Early bird registration is \$160.00, due by June 23, 2006. The full conference registration fee is \$200.00. Not everyone can afford to attend so Border Community SERVICE will "scholarship" some BCS volunteers who've worked hard to promote local emergency preparedness and have reported service hours as requested.

If you meet these criteria, are available to attend the conference and are willing to help before the conference with preparations and/or during the conference with tasks such as registration, please call the office at 205-0070 or e-mail Nancy at nbb@niagara.edu. All conference volunteers must be invited and pre-registered.



Advanced Level Training

CERT Training are being planned in many Niagara and Erie County communities. Please share this information with friends and family and encourage them to enroll through our office (716 205-0070).

Cambria: The Town of Cambria Volunteer Fire Department will host a CERT training on Thursday evenings in August and September. The fire hall is located at 4631 Cambria-Wilson Road.

Lockport: The Niagara County Sheriff's Department and the Lockport Block Club Council have planned a CERT Training at the South Lockport Fire Dept. at 5666 South Transit Road (at Ruhlman) with classes on Saturday mornings.

Additional CERT trainings are being planned for the Town of Amherst, the City of Buffalo (Medaille College), and the Tuscarora Nation.

Skywarn Training for all Volunteers

On **Monday, June 12, 2006**, Judith Levan of the NOAA will present **SKYWARN**. SKYWARN is a volunteer program that helps to keep local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service. The SKYWARN spotter network is a vital element in the nation's ability to react to dangerous and threatening weather. Training includes the basics of thunderstorm development, the fundamentals of storm structure, identifying potential severe weather features, information to report and how to report it, and basic severe weather safety. The workshop is from **7 PM to 9 PM in Room 201 of St. Vincent's Hall, Niagara University**.