

2006 Bi-National Emergency Preparedness Conference called "A Great Success!"

After months of planning and effort, the 2006 Bi-National Emergency Preparedness Conference took place on July 19 & 20. **We were ready!**

Nearly 30 outstanding presenters from disciplines such as healthcare, business risk mitigation, community service, first responders and emergency management. were well-received by more than 300 conference attendees from a broad range of occupations and experiences. Presenters included Marg Verbeek, President of the International Association of Emergency Managers, and Dr. Kevin Stephens, Health Director of the City of New Orleans.

Border Community SERVICE would like to thank its conference partners: **Niagara County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**, the **Erie County LEPC**, **The Regional Municipality of Niagara (Ontario)**, the **Western New York Healthcare Associa-**

tion, and the **Western New York Public Health Alliance**.

Many BCS Volunteers contributed to the success of the conference. Thanks to Jim Anderson, Priscilla Baker, Cindy Barrett, Liz Broomfield, Dorothy Carter, Trudy Christman, Dolores Czossek, Belinda Dowdy, Bob Durfey, Nicole Gerber, Norma Higgs, Camille Kazmierczak, Helen LaChat, Julia Largo, Matthew Patterson, Donna Kester Phillips, Tammy Rogowski, and Judy Swierczek.

The Conference Center Niagara Falls proved to a wonderful state-of-the-art venue whose staff did a great job for us.

For a more information on conference presenters and their workshops or to view some workshops, visit the BCS website conference section at::

www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice.

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"Family and Friends CPR Anytime"

"Family and Friends CPR Anytime" is a personal instructional program from the American Heart Association. While we encourage you to register for recertification training through the American Red Cross and will gladly pay for your CPR recertification class, this may be a good alternative. If you're not required to maintain ARC certification or if you're just too busy to attend class, you may want to choose this alternative, free training option.

Border Community SERVICE purchased a limited number of these kits. They will be given only to those volunteers who previously earned CPR certification. The kit will enables volunteers to practice and maintain skills for a long time to come. It also allows you to share information with family members and others. Kits are available first to those who reserved them and then on a first come,-first serverdbasis. Call 205-0070 to arrange to pick up your "Family and Friends CPR Anytime" kit.



Volunteer Opportunities



We are an organization of trained emergency preparedness volunteers. When we enrolled in training we made a commitment to provide four hours or more of community service each month. To help you satisfy that commitment, here are opportunities for volunteer service.

Local Red Cross Chapter BCS provides training in partnership with three local chapters of the American Red Cross: Niagara Falls Chapter, Greater Buffalo, and Eastern Niagara County Chapter in Lockport. Your local Chapter needs volunteers to assist with blood drives, provide office support, train to become a member of the local Disaster Assistance Program and to support the important work of the ARC in many other ways. Please contact your local Chapter if interested. If you are unsure which Chapter to contact, please call us. Please report all hours of ARC volunteer time to us as Border Community SERVICE hours.

Project Linus Project Linus, a not-for-profit program, provides handmade blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Volunteers are needed to donate their time to create blankets and to help gather financial support. To volunteer, contact the Western New York Chapter of Project Linus at (716) 627 - 3883 or e-mail plwny@adelphia.net to offer your help with this worthy effort.

Niagara Medical Reserve Corps The NMRC 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.

New York State Animal Response Team NYSART promotes and supports the creation of County Animal Response Teams (CARTs). Attend a NYSART orientation and become a NYSART volunteer. People are needed with varying 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 any volunteer activities appropriate for BCS volunteers and would like to include us, please contact Nola with that information.

Please remember that, as a condition of funding, Border Community SERVICE must report volunteer hours to our funding agency. Please maintain a personal log of your volunteer hours. Our office sends a monthly reminder to report hours accrued. Thank you for your cooperation!

Safety Tip: There's Safety in Numbers

Emergency responders should be able to see house numbers from the street in the middle of the night during a rainstorm. These quick tips will help keep them from passing you by:

- Numbers should be at least three to four inches tall
- If the numbers are not lit, make sure they are made of a reflective material and positioned so passing headlights will illuminate them.
- Pick a color that contrasts with the color of the house.
- Avoid hard-to-read or scripted fonts.
- Keep surrounding shrubbery trimmed.
- Never place numbers on the front door if a screen or storm door will obscure them.

Basic Volunteer Trainings

Volunteers whose CPR certifications have expired and/or who are missing training components are encouraged to update and/or complete their training. Pre-registration is required; please call 205-0070. Seats are reserved on a firstcome - first served basis; walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

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

Some volunteers have yet to complete the "Together We Prepare" Train-the-Trainer (T-t-T) class. This is an excellent time to do so.

Tuscarora Nation

Wednesday nights, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Community Center on Mount Hope Road

October 18: Adult CPR with AED Skills
October 25: Infant & Child CPR
November 1: First Aid Basics
November 8: Together We Prepare T-t-T

Advanced Level Trainings—CERT

Border Community SERVICE is delighted to announce that we have met and exceeded our grant goal for CERT trained volunteers. Congratulations to all of recently trained CERT volunteers in the Town of Cambria, the Town of Amherst and the Tuscarora Nation. Many thanks to the wonderful instructors and volunteers who assisted with recruitment and training.

CERT training is underway in Elma-Marilla. Several CERT trainings have been scheduled. Please share the following information with family, friends, and colleagues who may be interested in CERT. Encourage them to enroll by calling our office (716 205-0070).

Lockport CERT classes will meet on Saturday mornings (9 AM - 12 noon) from October 7 to November 11 at the Rapids Fire Company Hall located at 7195 Plank Road in the Town of Lockport. A disaster training exercise has been planned on Saturday, November 18 (9 AM to 2 PM).

Niagara Falls CERT classes will meet Wednesday nights on October 11, 18 & 25 and November 1, 8, 15 & 29 (6:30-9:30 PM) in the training room of NFFD Headquarters located at 3115 Walnut Street at Hyde Park Blvd. Niagara Falls CERT Training will end with a simulated disaster

training exercise on Saturday, December 2 (9 AM—2 PM).

North Tonawanda NT CERT classes will meet Mondays, 10/16, 10/23, & 10/30 (6:30-9:30 PM) at Sweeney Hose; Saturday, 11/4 (9 AM—3 PM) at the T-o-T Fire Training Tower; Mondays, 11/13 & 11/20 (6:30-9:30 PM) at Sweeney Hose; and Saturday, 12/2 (9AM - 3PM) at the T-o-T Fire Training Tower. Sweeney Hose is located at 495 Zimmerman Street, off Erie Avenue, in North Tonawanda. The Town of Tonawanda Fire Training Tower is located at Fire Tower Drive, off Two Mile Creek Road.

Medaille College will host CERT training in cooperation with Niagara University, Canisius College, and the Parkside Neighborhood Association. CERT classes will meet at Medaille College (Assasiz Circle, Buffalo) on Thursday nights (6 to 9 PM) from October 5 through November 16. A simulated disaster training exercise is scheduled on Saturday, November 11 (9 AM to 2 PM).

Future trainings are planned for Grand Island and Niagara University. Please watch for announcements or check our website for information regarding these trainings and CERT trainings sponsored by the Town of Tonawanda PD and the Erie County Department of Emergency Services.