Claire Avery Estrada Has Arrived!

Heartfelt congratulations to City of Buffalo Project Coordinator, Dana Estrada, and Josh, her husband, on the birth of their first child, a beautiful daughter!

Claire Avery Estrada was born last Friday, October 2, 2009. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Mother and daughter are home and doing well.

Advanced Training for CERT Members:

H1N1/Point of Dispensing/Blood Borne Pathogens and CPR Training

Erie County has planned a series of trainings in October for volunteers, including CERT members who plan to volunteer to work at the 2009 H1N1 Flu PODs (Points of Dispensing) in the Buffalo-Erie-Niagara region. All volunteers must complete H1N1/POD/BBP training. CPR training is intended for medical personnel who will serve as vaccinators, therefore they will have priority enrollment; however, CERT members will be enrolled in CPR courses as space allows.

Wednesday, October 14th - 6:00 pm - CPR (American Heart Association)
Saturday, October 17th - 9:00 am - CPR (American Heart Association)
Saturday, October 17th - 9:00 am - H1N1/POD/BBP
Saturday, October 24th - 9:00 am - H1N1/POD/BBP
Saturday, October 24th - 12:00 pm - CPR (American Heart Association)

Please contact Clare Yager at yagerc@erie.gov or 716 961-6863 to register for these classes. Seating is limited and registration is required.

A Note of Appreciation

On August 28th, Border Community SERVICE Volunteers Floyd Curtis, Donna Kester Phillips, Jennifer Seefeldt, Marge Price, Marti Moritz, Shirley Reeves-Sarmiento, Alice Spies, and Paul Felt reported to Coca Cola Field where they helped to package 3,000 boxed lunches that were served the next day to firefighters who came to Buffalo to honor City of Buffalo Fire Department Lt. Charles McCarthy and Firefighter Jonathan Croom during the funerals of these brave men. The BCS volunteers represented Buffalo-Erie-Niagara Region CERT groups based in Amherst, Buffalo, Grand Island, Niagara University and Tonawanda. Volunteers, thank you very much!
Welcome Steven Morgan, Niagara County Project Coordinator!

Border Community SERVICE is pleased to welcome Steven L. Morgan, Niagara County Project Coordinator. Steve has nearly 30 years of emergency services experience.

A life-long Grand Island resident, Steve began his emergency services journey at Niagara County Community College, where he earned an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice in 1981. As part of his curriculum, he enrolled in the EMT course which became a springboard to membership in the Grand Island Fire Company. He’s been an active member ever since and has held most firematic offices, including that of Fire Chief in 1995 and 1996.

He was certified and practiced as a paramedic in the commercial and volunteer sectors from 1983 through 2005. Much of his employment experience has been in the commercial ambulance industry starting with Twin City Ambulance in 1980 and ending with Rural Metro Medical Services and its predecessor companies in 1999. This included time as a flight paramedic with Mercy Flight. In addition to field assignments, his roles included training, communications and supervision.

Currently, Steve is an EMT, Certified Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Emergency Fire Dispatcher and APCO Public Safety Telecommunicator instructor. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Business administration from Medaille College in 2002 and is a Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner.

Steve looks forward to building on the program’s successes and enthusiastically engaging the public, emergency responders, CERT members and Citizen Corps to heighten emergency awareness and disaster preparedness. Steve can be contacted via e-mail at smorgan@niagara.edu or by phone, (716) 286-8023.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Plan your route and share it with your family
- Carry a flashlight to light your way
- Visit homes that have a porch light on
- Cross the street at corners
- Don’t hide or cross the street between parked cars
- Walk, slither, sneak on sidewalks; NOT in the street
- Keep away from open fires and candles
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible
- Accept treats at the door. NEVER go inside a stranger’s house
- Have an adult inspect your treats BEFORE eating them

Cell Phone FYI

Cell phone numbers were recently released to telemarketing companies for sale calls. Depending on your plan, these calls may result in additional charges. To prevent these calls, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222. It is the National DO NOT CALL list.

It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.
CERT Training is a FREE Community Preparedness course that both includes academic and hands-on instruction. The eight evenings (6:30-9:30 PM) course began on Thursday, October 8, 2009 and will continue on the following dates: Thursday, October 15; Monday, October 19; Thursday, October 22; Monday, October 26; Thursday, October 29; Monday, November 2 and Thursday, November 5. A review and simulated disaster training exercise are planned on Saturday, November 14, 2009 (9AM-2PM). The class meets at the Town of Tonawanda Fire Training Facility, 70 Fire Tower Drive.

Participants should plan to attend all remaining sessions.

CERT Training prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your associates during a disaster. Emergency personnel may not be able to help everyone immediately and trained volunteers can make a difference by using CERT Training to save lives and protect property. CERT training topics include:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Light Search and Rescue
- Terrorism & CERT
- Fire Safety
- CERT Organization
- Emergency Medical Operations I & II
- Disaster Psychology
- Incident Command System (ICS 100)
- Disaster Training Exercise

Through personal education, training and volunteer service, every individual can help make their community safer, stronger and better prepared for the hazards of weather, terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Participants must be at least 16 years of age and plan to attend all class sessions.

CERT training is fun and FREE! Register NOW!

Contact Steven Morgan, Niagara County Project Coordinator, Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University at 716 286-8023/smorgan@niagara.edu for more information or to enroll or view a CERT Briefing and submit an online “Volunteer Enrollment Form” at www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice.

Already CERT Trained? Save these Dates for Advanced Skills!!

Please mark your calendars for these advanced opportunities. Trainings are open to all volunteers, however preference will be given to the host agency’s local CERT members. Special thanks to Niagara County training host North Tonawanda Emergency Management Office and to City of Buffalo host Medaille College. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Register now!

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