Mark Your Calendars: 
Cambria CERT Training tentatively scheduled to begin Thursday, May 8th!

The Cambria Volunteer Fire Department is tentatively scheduled to present a CERT Training course on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 PM.

The course will meet Thursdays from May 8, 2008 through June 26, 2008, at the Town of Cambria Fire Hall (4631 Cambria-Wilson Road). The final simulation exercise is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 28 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Are you ready? Are you prepared for an emergency? Interested persons are invited to register now for CERT Training. The class includes academic and hands-on instruction and is open to anyone over the age of 16.

To register or get more information, please contact Border Community SERVICE. Call us at 716-286-8010 or via e-mail at nbb@niagara.edu. Interested participants can also visit our website, www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice, and complete an online registration.

2008 “Crossing Borders” Emergency Preparedness Conference a Success!

The 2008 “Crossing Borders” Emergency Preparedness Conference took place on March 13 and 14, 2008 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center in Buffalo, NY.

The keynote address was delivered by Rear Admiral W. Craig Vanderwagen MD, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, US Department of Health and Human Services. Admiral Vanderwagen and his staff attended both days of the conference and met with many participants.

Nearly 30 outstanding presenters from disciplines such as healthcare, business risk mitigation, community service, first responders and emergency management received enthusiastic review from more than 200 conference attendees from a broad range of occupations and experiences.

Many conference presenters have generously provided information from their workshop presentation and allowed it to be posted on the “Conference” page of the our website, www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice where you can also find information about the presenters themselves.

One highlight of the conference was a reception hosted by Mr. Stephen Brereton, Consul General of Canada in Buffalo. The event provided an extraordinary opportunity for presenters, attendees and invited guests to meet and interact. This remarkable support from the Consul General was greatly appreciated.

Many volunteers contributed to the success of the conference. Special thanks to Jim Anderson, Mary Arent, Nicole Gerber, Donna Kester Phillips, Jim Maw, Howard Morgan, Dave Reilly, Denise Rivers, and Clare Yager.

Finally, Border Community SERVICE thanks our wonderful planning partners: the Niagara County Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Erie County LEPC, The Regional Municipality of Niagara (Ontario), the Western New York Healthcare Association, and the Western New York Public Health Alliance Inc.
Crossing the US-Canada Border?
This information may interest you.

Applications are now being taken for a new U.S. Passport Card. The card, which can be used in place of a regular passport, will facilitate entry and expedite document processing at U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. The card may not be used to travel by air. The following web sites provide details on applying for the card and on new border-crossing requirements.

Information about the new Passport Card: http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card/ppt_card_3926.html

Information about the new border-crossing requirements: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html

Community Announcements

Niagara County Announces 2008 Rabies Immunization Clinics
By law, all cats, dogs and domesticated ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination. In cooperation with the Niagara County Veterinary Society, the Niagara County Department of Health will hold SIX Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2008.

Saturday, April 19: 2 - 4PM
Town of Somerset Highway Garage, 8700 Haight Road, Somerset, 795-3575

Saturday, May 17: 2 - 4PM
Cornell Cooperative Extension ("County Fairgrounds"), 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, 433-8839

Saturday, June 7: 2 - 4PM
Hyde Park–Oasis/Centennial Pavillion (behind Ice Arena), 911 Robbins Drive, Niagara Falls, 286-4956

Saturday, September 13: 2 - 4PM
Cornell Cooperative Extension ("County Fairgrounds") 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, 433-8839

Saturday, December 6: 2 - 4PM
North Tonawanda Public Works Dept. 758 Erie Avenue, N. Tonawanda, 695-8585

The Niagara Beautification Commission Annual “Clean Up and Beautify” Event

The Niagara Beautification Commission invites you to assist with its annual “Clean Up and Beautify Niagara Falls” event. The NBC organizes this opportunity to help cleanup local areas and parks. Border Community SERVICE has volunteered a team to help with the clean up and is looking for volunteers to be a part of the event.

The Saturday, April 26, 2008 event will begin at 8:00 AM with a kickoff breakfast and ceremony compliments of the Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel at the hotel entrance. Supplies will be handed out and locations will be assigned then.

After the event there will be a hot dog luncheon for volunteers at the Oasis at Hyde Park (at approximately 12:30 PM).

If you’d like to help, please join the BCS team, please contact Nancy Brennan Blundell (Phone: 286-8010 or email :nbb@niagara.edu).

Everyone is welcome to participate. This offers a great chance for older children to begin a lifelong commitment of service to the community.