Welcome to Border Community SERVICE!

Border Community SERVICE is delighted to welcome Dana Estrada and Michael Torrie.

Dana was recently appointed City of Buffalo Project Coordinator. Dana joins the Border Community SERVICE Project with several years of community relations experience working with block clubs, non-profit organizations and businesses on quality of life issues within the City of Buffalo. Ms. Estrada has also partnered with numerous local law enforcement agencies in various capacities and serves on the “Graffiti Hurts” Task Force of Western New York, the board of the Crime Prevention Association of Western New York and is a former staff member of the Regional Community Policing Center, University at Buffalo.

Michael, the new Project Coordinator for Niagara County, has worked in the Human Service field for several years. He brings more than 18 years of Fire Service, including two terms as Chief of Lewiston Fire Company #1, and EMS training and experience to his new position with the Border Community SERVICE program.

Dana can be reached at 286-8010 or dle@niagara.edu. Her office will be located at the City of Buffalo PD. Michael can be reached at 286-8023 or mtorrie@niagara.edu.

Please join us in warmly welcoming them to BCS and to the Niagara University community.

American Red Cross Services to Seniors

When disaster strikes or someone needs blood, the American Red Cross is the first organization most people turn to for help. But not everyone recognizes the Red Cross as the “go to” organization when senior family members, neighbors and friends need help in leading safe, healthy lives.

The Greater Buffalo Chapter is on the cutting edge of many trends and programs in human services, successfully responding to a wide variety of community needs, particularly where seniors are concerned. Over the past several years, the chapter has made great strides in providing our community’s seniors with a number of programs specifically designed to make life more comfortable for them.

The LIFE Project, I’M OK, Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), Ombudsman, Telephone Assurance Program (TAP), and Family Caregiving Programs offer a array of services that improve the quality of life for seniors and those who care for them.

If you, or someone you know, needs a helping hand, please take a few moments to learn what the American Red Cross has to offer.

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ARC MASH Bash

Every year people revel in foods from local restaurants, music, and the ARC’s one-of-a-kind military-themed event. This year’s event is Friday, June 6, 2008 from 7 pm - midnight at the Greater Buffalo Chapter (786 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo). Tickets are $50 and include unlimited wine, beer, and food. There is a large silent auctions.

There is also a large raffle with chances to win one of three great cash prizes. A very limited number of tickets are printed so the odds of winning are incredibly high! Tickets are $100 each (includes 2 admission tickets to this year's BASH). Prizes are awarded the night of The BASH -- Friday June 6, 2008. The winner need not be present to win.

All proceeds stay here to provide vital disaster preparedness education and response. For more information of ticket sales, contact Kate Rogers at 878-2373.

CERT Pop-up Shelter Now Available for Community Events

A CERT green pop-up shelter and table are available for CERT groups at community events such as Canal Fest, Crime Night Out and the Niagara County Fair. Call to reserve. FEMA emergency preparedness pamphlets are also available for distribution by CERT.

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 Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2008.

**Saturday, June 7:** 2 - 4PM
Hyde Park–Oasis/Centennial Pavilion (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

Looking for something to do this weekend?

This Sunday, June 8th, the National Weather Service will host its 4th Open House at 587 Aero Drive, Cheektowaga NY from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Tours of the freshly renovated facility will include interesting technologies that are incorporated into the operation to better serve western and northern New York. Staff members will be available to answer any questions visitors may have.

Several outdoor venues will also be featured: the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Buffalo Airport runway snow removal and fire fighting equipment, Lancaster Emergency Operations Center vehicle, Army Corps of Engineers, local university displays, Navy and Air Force recruiters with information on weather careers in the military, displays of weather information gathering equipment, the Red Cross, just to name a few. The Amateur Radio Operators will also run a Special Event Station WX2BUF during the open house; find them at 7.235 and 14.255 (+/- QRM)...or check in on 2m at 147.315. QSLs are available.

In partnership with the Michigan Avenue Block Club, the PLWW Block Club, the North End Block Club, and the Hyde Park East Block Club, the **Niagara Falls Block Club Council** will host **“Crime Night Out”**

on **Tuesday, July 29** beginning at **6:00 PM**
at the **18th Street Community Resource Center & Police Substation** located at 1667 Linwood Ave in Niagara Falls

Border Community SERVICE has been invited to host an information table at this event. Greater Niagara Falls CERT members are encouraged to volunteer to staff this table and promote preparedness in Niagara Falls. To volunteer or for more information, please contact **Michael Torrie** at 716 286-8023 or mtorrie@niagara.edu.