Saturday, June 8, 2013
Border Community SERVICE
Empowering Volunteers Annual Conference

Our annual free day-long conference for volunteers and community leaders will be held on **Saturday, June 8**, from 9:00 am till 2:30 pm at Niagara University.

Detailed information is available at the Border Community SERVICE website ([www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice](http://www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice)). The registration form for this conference can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Our keynote speaker will be announced.

The conference will also include the following presentations:

**Session one:** (choice of one)
- Dave Whalen, Statewide Project Coordinator, First Responder Disability Awareness Training at Niagara University - “Disability Awareness Training for First Responders”
- Dennis Carson, Emergency Services Coordinator, Town of Tonawanda Police Department - “Preparing for Today’s Threats”
- Frank McNamara, SWAT Team Commander, along with Brent Costello, SWAT Team Tactical Officer, Town of Tonawanda Police Department - “Active Shooter Awareness”

**Session two:** (choice of one)
- Joann Sands, ANP-BC, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor at University at Buffalo School of Nursing - “Emergency Response from a Nursing Perspective”
- Christopher Griffiths, Supervisor Border Patrol Agent - “An Introduction to Border Patrol”
- Nicole Gerber, Emergency Manager, Roswell Park Cancer Institute - “Emergency Preparedness and Response: Coordination of Organizations and Services”
April has proved to be a busy month for Border Community SERVICE in the City of Buffalo. Border Community SERVICE had the opportunity to attend a large health and safety fair at East High School. The students did a wonderful job setting up the fair and the vendor and community turnout was huge! We have many more school based events lined up for the next couple of months. These are wonderful events and if you have the opportunity to visit one in your neighborhood, I highly recommend it!

I had the great opportunity to visit two Altamont sites in the City of Buffalo to give emergency preparedness presentations. Located at 72 Sycamore and 30 Wyoming, the housing shelters serve men 18 years old and over with an array of services – including housing services, job placement, and educational and vocational assistance. To learn more about the Altamont sites, visit: www.pyhit.com.

As of April 17th, we have officially started with the City of Buffalo Clean Sweeps! Our first targeted streets were Waverly and Purdy. On April 24th we visited Lisbon Avenue in the City of Buffalo’s Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood. In all, over 100 resident homes received materials on emergency preparedness in the first two weeks alone. We’re looking forward to all of the upcoming outreach throughout the summer!

Volunteer Opportunity - Independent Health Foundation’s Good for the Neighborhood Event in Niagara County May 23rd

Independent Health’s Good for the Neighborhood hosts this event at the Doris W. Jones Family Resource Building, 3001-9th Street in Niagara Falls. A volunteer is needed to help at the next event taking place on Thursday, May 23 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

About 100 people attend these events and the volunteer can provide our Emergency Preparedness materials and an incentive gift as well as talk to the families about how to be better prepared for an emergency or disaster.

If you are interested in helping at this event, please contact Gail Struzik, Office Coordinator, at 205-0077 or gstruzik@niagara.edu Thanks!
Welcome to the latest addition to our Border Community SERVICE family - Harper Marie Haseley! The Easter bunny made a special delivery as Harper made her debut on March 31st - all 8 lbs 7 oz of her. (And all along we thought babies came via storks)!

Congratulations to her delighted parents, Valerie and Neil.

The following information has been provided by Pati Aine Guzinski and if you are interested in attending any of these upcoming sessions, please contact Pati Aine as listed below.

SMART Training/Meeting Calendar - May 2013

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Dates may change due to participation in community events / drills/ exercises.

All classes will be held at the Erie County Fire Training Academy
3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

In an effort to facilitate an optimum training environment and experience, class size may be limited.

Pre-registration is required for all sessions. Every effort will be made to send out session specific information, including the pre-registration form, at least 2 weeks before each session.

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Registration for 2013 Empowering Volunteers Conference
Presented by Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University,
a regional Citizen Preparedness Training Center, on Saturday, June 8, 2013

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Title: ____________________________________________________________
Agency: ___________________________________________________________
Affiliation: _______________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: __________ Zip: ____________
Email: ________________________________________________________________________
Phone/Cell: ______________________________ Fax: _________________

Please indicate the workshop you are most likely to attend each session:

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-Schedule subject to change-

I do _____  do not _____ plan to attend lunch
- lunch is provided by BCS -

Please register by June 3 one of the following ways:
- o Mail form to: Border Community SERVICE, PO Box 2040, Niagara University, NY 14109
- o Fax this registration form to 716-205-0072
- o On-line thru www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice
- o Call Gail Struzik at 205-0077 and she will complete a registration form