

Border Community SERVICE

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Border Community SERVICE Skills Enhancement Training

Ropes and Knots Course

Timothy E. Williams, Jr.,
Wrights Company Fire Company Chief

Description: You will learn to identify the basic knots used by the fire service, how to tie each of them, and their uses as well as the basic terminology when discussing ropes and knots.

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 29, 2012 6:30-9:30 PM

Location: Cambria Fire Hall
4631 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport, NY 14094

Class size is limited so you must pre-register early (no walk-ins)!
Please RSVP to Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at 205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu by Friday, August 24.
Must be a CERT member to participate.

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Border Community SERVICE will be hosting two CERT classes beginning September 2012

CERT training prepares you to help yourself, family, and neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Participants must be at least 16 years-of-age and plan to attend all sessions.

A free **CERT** training course is being offered at Cambria Fire Company, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd in Cambria (Lockport) beginning on September 19, 2012. The classes will run nine consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 pm and culminate in a disaster simulation on November 14th. For more information or to enroll in the training, please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator at 716.205.0076 or register online at www.niagara.edu/bcs-enrollment.

The second **CERT** training course is being offered at the Lancaster Office of Emergency Management, 321 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY beginning on September 20, 2012. The classes will run nine consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. For more information, contact Dana Estrada, at 205-0075 or register online at www.niagara.edu/bcs-enrollment.

Niagara County

Valerie Haseley

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In the beginning of July, I gave a presentation on "Preparing Makes Sense: Get Ready Now" to the 400 block of 21st Street Block Club. They meet at *The Bakery* in Niagara Falls and I was able to discuss the importance of their Block Club helping their neighbors during a time of a disaster. I also presented to 14 families at the Newfane Agro-Business Childhood Development Center where I spoke to English and Spanish speaking families on the importance of preparing for disasters. They were quite appreciative of the information and first aid kits that they received.

Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University participated at the Tuscarora Nation Picnic and Field Days on Friday, July 13th, The New York Power Authority Safety Day on Saturday, July 14th and the Hartland Bicentennial Celebration on Saturday, July 28th. Thank you to **Deb & Richard Clouser, Dana Dwyer, Dan Hunter and Justin Printup** for volunteering your time to help at these events. We were able to talk to many people about home-place preparedness and encouraged participation in the upcoming CERT class at Cambria Fire Hall.

We also attended the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center Breastfeeding Walk at the Hyde Park Wading Pool and talked to 85 families about how they can better prepare their families for emergencies.

The end of the month wrapped up with participation at the annual Crime Night Out Event hosted by the Niagara Falls Block Club Council at St. Paul's Lutheran Church where literature on the *Ready Campaign* and *See Something, Say Something Campaign* were distributed to the more than 100 people in attendance.

If you or someone you know would like to have a presentation scheduled with your group, please contact Valerie Haseley at 716.205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu.

Volunteers Still Needed for Summer Events!

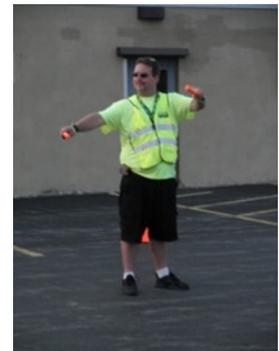
Come out and enjoy some of Niagara County's Summer Events and help Border Community SERVICE at the same time. We are participating in fairs and festivals throughout Niagara County and volunteers are needed for 3 to 4 hour shifts to promote FEMA's Ready Campaign material, inform about Border Community SERVICE programs and encourage participation in CERT.

Here is the list of where we will be. **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Event	Location	Date(s)	Shift(s)
Wheatfield Town Celebration	Fairmont Park Nash & Steig Roads	Sunday, August 19	10am-2pm; 1-5pm
NYPA Wildlife Festival	Niagara Project Power Vista, 5777 Lewiston Rd (Rte 104), Lewiston	Saturday, Sept. 22	11-5 pm

For all events listed please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at 205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu and provide the event and shift that you are interested in volunteering at. Your service is greatly appreciated!

In July, BCS hosted a Skills Enhancement Training at Cambria Fire Hall on Traffic Control that was conducted by **Paul Ozimek**, a CERT member. 26 CERT members were trained in the proper way to direct traffic and park cars using the right equipment and techniques. Here are some photos from the training:



City of Buffalo

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July proved to be a very busy month for the City of Buffalo project. We've been hard at work giving presentations at several locations for the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Initiative and summer camps. We've visited the Ed Saunders Community Center to present to middle school students; Delevan-Grider Community Center to present to elementary students; and Citizen's Alliance and Mayor's Summer Youth at the University at Buffalo site. All were great students with really insightful questions and comments.

On July 17th, Border Community SERVICE offered literature and giveaways at the Bisons game. Over 4000 fans in attendance were treated to preparedness messages and many of them stopped by our booth to chat with our staff. It was a great event and we're very thankful at our wonderful partnership with the Bisons organization.

On August 1st we finished a CERT class with College and University professionals at Medaille College. The class consisted of members of Medaille, Erie Community College and even two representatives from Keuka College in the Finger Lakes. The course was well received and we hope to host another similar CERT course soon.

We hope that all CERT members have the opportunity to participate in National Night Out events in their neighborhoods this week. If you haven't met your neighbors, or it's been a while since you've seen them, take the opportunity to reintroduce yourself. A community that works together makes sense!

If you would like a presentation in the City of Buffalo, please do not hesitate to contact me.



“Town of Tonawanda, we’re looking for CERT volunteers!”

CERT Training is a **FREE** Community Preparedness course that includes both academic and hands-on instruction. The course will meet at the **Town of Tonawanda Fire Training Tower Classroom**, (70 Fire Tower Drive), located off of Two Mile Creek Road in the **Town of Tonawanda**. The nine (9) class course starts on Monday, October 15, 2012 and continues on Monday evenings (6:00-9:00 PM) followed by a Saturday course review and simulated disaster training exercise on **December 1, 2012**. The Fire Safety session will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 (9 AM-Noon). Participants should plan to attend all sessions.

CERT Training prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Emergency personnel may not be able to help everyone immediately and you can make a difference by using CERT Training to save lives and protect property.

CERT Training topics include:

Disaster Preparedness: Disasters & Disaster Workers, Community Preparedness
Emergency Medical Operations I: Triage & Treating Life Threatening Injuries
Emergency Medical Operations II: Public Health Considerations & Patient Treatment
Fire Safety: Fire Chemistry, Fire Hazards, Fire Safety & Fire Suppression
Light Search and Rescue: Search & Rescue Size-up and Operations
CERT Organization and Incident Command (ICS 100)
Disaster Psychology: Impact of Disaster on Rescuers & Victims and Its Mitigation
Terrorism & CERT: Terrorism & its Goals; CERT Protocols for Terrorism Incidents
Disaster Simulation Training Exercise: Course Review & Hands-on Exercise

Through personal education, training and volunteer service, every individual can help make their community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the hazards of weather, terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Pre-registration is required. **REGISTER NOW!** Participants must be at least 16 years of age and attend all nine class sessions.

For more information or to enroll, please contact:

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Thank you to the many volunteers who participated at the NCCC Balloons Over Niagara event July 27-29 who helped supplement the public safety's department with traffic control. Your support of the event and representation of CERT was greatly appreciate by Niagara County Community College and helped make the event run smoothly.

The CERT members included: **Jeanne Binner, Sophia Eddy, Kathie Johnson, Martha Moritz, Justin Printup, Jack Sullivan, Janice Vertlieb, and Sal Zarbo, Jr.**

SMART Training

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

Smart Training/Meeting Calendar - AUGUST 2012

Wednesday	August 15	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Skills Practice
Saturday	August 18	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Skills Practice

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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