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By James M. Thomas

September is National Preparedness Month. This issue will focus on that theme, and reinforce our motto here at DEMHS, "Be Aware, Be Prepared". Last year, in one of the local papers, I came across a comic strip that stressed the need to come up with a sound, cohesive plan for a family to follow in case of an emergency, then one of the people said and "pray that we never have to use it".

There is some truth in that thought. We in public safety are always planning, training and exercising for events that we hope we will not have to deal with on a regular basis, however, we also know that we must be prepared to deal with any event whether it be a natural disaster or a terrorism related event. We have to be prepared!

As citizens we have to take personal responsibility for ourselves and our families. We have to be prepared to go it on our own until either the local, state, or federal public safety personnel can respond to incidents of any significant size. We urge everyone to take seriously the idea of family panning for any emergencies. Put together a plan, and then actually practice it so that everyone understands what is expected of each other. Emergency kits with basic supplies of first aid supplies, food, water, and other key items can be put together at a very low cost. They can also be purchased though several sources before the emergency happens.

Have you ever noticed that when the power is out for an extended period of time, or that a major storm is expect there is a rush to the grocery school and hardware school for flashlights, batteries, and basic food items. We should all have an emergency kit ready to go now, please review the DEMHS Advisor and gets some ideas. Go to our website or to the www.ready.gov web site for additional information on preparedness. The Connecticut Emergency Preparedness Guide published in cooperation with the Department of Public Health and DEMHS, and endorsed by Governor Rell is also available in both English and Spanish on our respective websites.

What ever you do, please take the issue of preparedness serious and let's hope that we never have to use it.

U.S. Department Of Homeland Security Sponsors Fourth Annual National Preparedness Month

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will sponsor the fourth annual National Preparedness Month this September and encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. This year's effort has a growing coalition of more than 625 national, regional, state, and local organizations pledging support.

"It is vital that Americans take steps to prepare for emergencies at home, work or school," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "Personal preparedness is paramount to effectively reacting to the effects of a disaster. By preparing yourself, your family, and your businesses, you allow first responders to prioritize efforts and aid."

For the first time, the month will focus on different areas of emergency preparedness.

- September 1-8; Back-to-School (*Ready Kids*)
- September 9-15; Business preparedness (*Ready Business*)
- September 16-22; Multicultural preparedness (*Listo*)
- September 23-30; Home and family preparedness, including pets, older Americans and individuals with disabilities and special needs (*Ready America*)

Homeland Security Committee members, Sens. Joe Lieberman and Susan Collins, and Reps. Bennie Thompson and Peter King, have agreed to serve as honorary Congressional co-chairs of National Preparedness Month 2007 and lead the effort to increase public awareness on the importance of emergency preparedness on Capitol Hill.

The *Ready* campaign and the department's Citizen Corps program work closely together to promote activities across the nation that will encourage individuals to have an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different threats that may affect them, as well as take steps to get trained and engaged in community preparedness and response efforts.

National Preparedness Month coalition members have agreed to distribute emergency preparedness information and sponsor activities across the country that will promote emergency preparedness. Membership is open to all public and private sector organizations. Groups can register to become National Preparedness Month coalition members by visiting www.ready.gov and clicking on the National Preparedness Month banner.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security promotes individual emergency preparedness through the Ready campaign and Citizen Corps. Ready is a national public service advertising campaign produced by The Advertising Council in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security. The Ready campaign is designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Individuals interested in more information about family and business preparedness can visit www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY to receive free materials.

Citizen Corps brings together community, emergency and government leaders to involve community members in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. Through Citizen Corps and its program partners and affiliates, individuals can find training and volunteer opportunities to support first responders in an emergency.

Participate In National Preparedness Month

INDIVIDUALS

During September, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Preparedness Month Coalition will urge all Americans to take some simple steps to make themselves and their families better prepared for emergencies including:

- **Get a Kit** - Get a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days in the event an emergency happens. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlight and a first aid kit. Go to www.ready.gov for a complete list of recommended supplies.
- **Make a Plan** - Plan in advance what you and your family will do in an emergency. Your plan should include a communications plan and address sheltering-in-place and evacuation. Go to www.ready.gov for more information and templates to help get you started.
- **Be Informed** - Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them. Go to www.ready.gov for more information about natural disasters and potential terrorist threats and visit www.ready.gov for more information about the emergency plans that have been established in your area.
- **Get Involved** - After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community. Citizen Corps provides residents with opportunities to prepare, train and support local emergency responders. For more information or to get involved visit www.citizencorps.gov to find your local Citizen Corps council.

Participate In National Preparedness Month

ORGANIZATIONS

Organizational participation is an integral part of this effort to encourage Americans to take steps to be better prepared for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. To support National Preparedness Month 2007, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will bring together a wide variety of public and private sector organizations to form the National Preparedness Month Coalition.

National Preparedness Month Coalition members will highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement across the nation. Throughout the month of September, Coalition members will provide information, host events and sponsor activities that disseminate emergency preparedness messages to and encourage action in their customers, members, employees, stakeholders and communities across the nation.

Throughout the spring and summer, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security welcomes public and private sector organizations who are interested in joining us in this important effort. To register for the 2007 Coalition, fill out the online registration form at <http://ready.adcouncil.org>.

ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS



In Florida we are particularly vulnerable to severe weather like hurricanes; and elders are especially susceptible to their effects. Those who live alone, or are without the support of family or friends, must take special precautions in the event of an emergency situation. People who are frail or disabled (either mentally or physically) may need special assistance from family members, friends or social service agencies. Older adults who are also caregivers may require outside assistance. Excessive stress and anxiety can contribute to increased episodes of illness, particularly for persons with heart disease and other illnesses. If an older adult lives in a nursing home, assisted living facility (ALF) or boarding home, the administrator should be contacted to learn about the disaster plan for that facility.

HOME HEALTH CARE & HOMEBOUND PATIENTS

- Tell your health agency where you will be during a hurricane. Ask them about their plans to provide care.
- If you are homebound and under the care of a physician, but not a home health agency, contact your physician.
- If you require respirators or other electric-dependent medical equipment, you should make prior medical arrangements with your physician. You should also register with your local power company.
- If you require oxygen, check with your supplier about emergency plans.
- If you evacuate, remember to take medications, written instructions regarding your care, special equipment and bedding with you.
- If you will need assistance in an evacuation or need to go to a special needs shelter, please register **NOW** with your County Emergency Management Agency.
- Special needs shelters do not provide hands-on medical care, only medical monitoring. Bring a caregiver with you.
- If you would require hospitalization, you must make prior arrangements through your physician.
- Please remember that hospitals are **NOT** shelters. During disaster such as hurricanes, hospitals have a limited number of resources that must be rationed to care for the sick and injured.

During the past six months and continuing through the fall, the training division of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has been visiting Senior Citizens throughout Connecticut giving presentations regarding “The Emergency Management Financial Aid Kit”. During the presentation, participants begin to complete their booklet regarding their financial records to help them minimize their financial impact of a natural disaster or national emergency. Additional materials regarding planning for special needs situations, preparing your home and pets is also discussed. In the event you are interested in having this presentation in your community please contact Sharon G. Mazzochi at 860-256-0840.



PROTECT YOUR PETS!

Pets and Disasters: Get Prepared

The following information has been prepared by the Humane Society of the United States in cooperation with the American Red Cross.

The best way to protect your family from the effects of a disaster is to have a disaster plan. If you are a pet owner, that plan must include your pets. Being prepared can save their lives.

Different disasters require different responses. But whether the disaster is a hurricane or a hazardous spill, you may have to evacuate your home. In the event of a disaster and if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too. So prepare now for the day when you and your pets may have to leave your home.

Pet owners are responsible for emergency planning for their pet. If you plan to evacuate, plan for your pet as well. Take your **Pet Survival Kit** if you go to friends, relatives or a hotel. Unless there are “pet-friendly” shelters in your county, shelters cannot accept pets. Don’t leave your pet and don’t use your pet as an excuse not to evacuate and put yourself, your family and your pet at risk! As a pet owner, you must plan ahead. Check out your options. **For more information call your local SPCA, Animal Control or Humane Society. If you plan to go to a hotel or motel, go online to www.petswelcome.com.**

After a disaster, be careful in allowing your pet outdoors. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your pet could easily be confused and become lost. Downed power lines and animals and insects brought in with high water could present real dangers to your pet. Take care not to allow your pet to consume food or water which may have become contaminated.

PET SURVIVAL KIT

- Proper ID collar and rabies tag/license* & Vaccination paperwork
- Carrier or cage (large enough for your pet to move around)
- Leash
- Ample food supply (at least two weeks)
- *Water*
- Water/food bowls
- Any necessary medication(s)
- Specific care instructions
- Newspapers, cat litter, scoop, plastic trash bags for handling waste
- Proper ID on all belongings
- Photo of you and your pet
- A comfort item such as a favorite toy or blanket
- Non-electric can opener

**Make sure your pets have had all their shots within the past 12 months. Pet-friendly shelters and boarding facilities will require proof of vaccinations.*



WHAT TO EXPECT: AFTER THE STORM

As we learned, after a tropical storm or hurricane strike, you may be without power and many of the services we rely on (water, sewer, phone, cell phone, and businesses). Understand that gas stations, supermarkets, restaurants, city and county governments just went through the same storm you did and there will be an interruption in services while repairs are made. Immediate response may not be possible, so residents must be prepared to be self-reliant for a minimum of three days up to several weeks.

RE-ENTRY

- Be Patient. Access to affected areas will be controlled. You won't be able to return to your home until search and rescue operations are complete and safety hazards, such as downed trees and power lines, are cleared. It may take up to three days for emergency crews to reach your neighborhood. It may take 2-4 weeks before utilities are restored.
- Stay tuned to your local radio station for advice and instructions about emergency medical aid, food and other forms of assistance.
- Have valid ID. Security operations will include checkpoints. Valid identification with your current local address will be required.
- Avoid driving. Roads will have debris which will puncture your tires! Don't add to the congestion of relief workers, supply trucks, law enforcement, etc.
- Don't sight-see, especially at night.

SAFETY FIRST!

- Avoid downed or dangling utility wires. Metal fences may have been "energized" by fallen wires. Be especially careful when cutting or clearing fallen trees. They may have power lines tangled in them.
- Beware of snakes, insects or animals driven to higher ground by floods.
- Enter your home with caution. Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- If there has been flooding, have an electrician inspect your home or office before turning on the breaker.
- Be careful with fire. Do not strike a match until you are sure there are no breaks in gas lines. Avoid candles. Use battery-operated flashlights and lanterns instead.
- Keep grills and generators outdoors in a well-ventilated area.
- Use your telephone only for emergencies to keep lines open for emergency communications.
- Call professionals to remove large, uprooted trees, etc.
- Always use proper safety equipment such as heavy gloves, safety goggles, heavy boots, light-colored long-sleeve shirts and long pants.
- Tie back long hair, wear a hat and sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of fluids, rest and ask for help when you need it.
- Lift with the legs, not with the back.
- Don't burn trash.
- If you can't identify it, don't touch it.



REPAIRS

- Make temporary repairs to correct safety hazards and minimize further damage. This may include covering holes in the roof, walls or windows and debris removal.
- **PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CONTRACTOR FRAUD!** Only hire licensed contractors to do repairs. Check with the local Building Department to ensure the contractor is licensed. If you hire a contractor, don't pull the permits for them. If the contractor makes this request, it may be an indication that he is not properly licensed.
- Take photographs of all damage before repairs and keep receipts for insurance purposes.
- After assessing damage to your home, contact your local building department for information on required building permits. Permits are always required for any kind of demolition or permanent repairs, reconstruction, roofing, filling and other types of site development. Report illegal flood plain development to your local building department.
- Local ordinances do not permit dumping in drainage canals or ditches because it causes backups and overflow in the system. Report illegal dumping.

WATER PRECAUTIONS

Whenever widespread flooding occurs, there is a potential for bacterial contamination. Bacteria, such as shigella and salmonella, can lead to life threatening dehydration for people and their pets if untreated by antibiotics. Disinfect any tap water you drink or use for cooking or cleaning. You must purify the tap water until officials notify you of its safety. Bring water to a rolling boil *for a full minute* or use chemicals (eight drops of chlorine bleach or iodine per gallon) or **water purification tablets**, as directed. Let the water sit at least 10 minutes before using. Water you saved in clean containers before the storm will be fine for 2-3 weeks. To be sure, add two drops of chlorine or iodine per gallon before drinking.

THE POWER OF PLANNING AHEAD

With flooding and high winds, you can assume you will experience some power loss. Downed trees and flying debris are the major culprits. Power companies in the Tampa Bay area have very detailed and extensive plans for restoration. Their mission is to get the power back online as soon as possible. However, Floridians need to have realistic expectations.

- Crews can not be deployed into the neighborhoods before the winds die down.
- There is a priority restoration plan: critical facilities (like hospitals, nursing homes, fire stations, 911 centers, and shelters) are first, then those repairs which will bring the most residents and businesses back online the quickest. Be patient.
- Unplug as many appliances and other electrical equipment as possible to avoid shock and surges when power is restored.
- First use perishable food and foods from the refrigerator, then use foods from the freezer. To minimize the number of times you open the freezer door, post a list of freezer contents on it. In a well-filled, well-insulated freezer, foods will usually still have ice crystals in their centers (meaning the foods are safe to eat) for at least three days. However, do not refreeze defrosted foods once power is restored.
- Use nonperishable foods and staples last.
- For emergency cooking, you can use a charcoal grill or camp stove (outdoors only!). You also can heat food with candle warmers, chafing dishes and fondue pots.
- Canned foods can be eaten right out of the can. If you heat it in the can, be sure to open the can and remove the label first.

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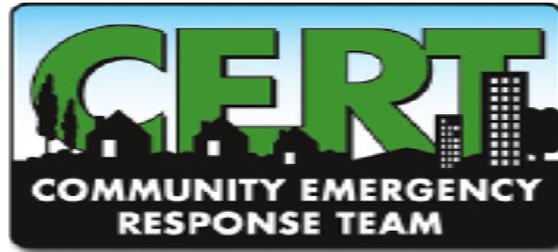
**Get a Kit, Make a Plan,
Be Informed and Get Involved**



HURRICANE MYTHS

- *MYTH: Florida was hit four times last year, it will never happen again in our lifetime.*
- *FACT: The chances Florida will experience four major hurricanes again in one year is remote. The chance of one or two – is very real. And if a major hurricane hits Tampa Bay, it won't matter if there is only one storm this season! Be Prepared!*
- *MYTH: Hurricanes do not impact inland counties.*
- *FACT: Hurricane winds and rain affect large areas. Just ask our Polk County residents (impacted three times last year) or your neighbors who evacuated to Orlando from Hurricane Charley. Inland flooding was a major problem in our region from exiting storms Frances and Jeanne.*
- *MYTH: There is nothing we can do. If the hurricane comes, it will blow everything away.*
- *FACT: Take the time to protect your home and chances are, you will suffer far less damage in a hurricane.*
- *MYTH: Protecting my home is too expensive.*
- *FACT: Protection can get expensive but there are cost-effective options. Hurricane panels and shutters, and newly developed screen, mesh and fabric products can protect your home and provide safety for your family. Contact FLASH for more information: 1-800-221-SAFE.*
- *MYTH: Why protect our home? That is what insurance is for.*
- *FACT: Insurance is fine, but a house that survives a hurricane is better. It is safer for your family and easier to recover. Currently, there are still thousands of families in the State of Florida displaced because of the 2004 hurricanes.*
- *MYTH: Leave your windows open on one side of the house to reduce the "pressure"*
- *FACT: It's an old wives' tale. If you let wind in your house, it's going to have to get out...It will find the weakest link and explode it.*
- *MYTH: Tape your windows to prevent them from breaking and flying into the house.*
- *FACT: Putting masking tape on your windows is a waste of time that should be spent on real protection.*
- *MYTH: With tie-downs and storm shutters, my mobile home is safe.*
- *FACT: Mobile homes – even new ones – can not withstand more than minimal hurricane winds. Use tie-downs and shutters but have evacuation plans.*
- *MYTH: You need to buy a chain saw.*
- *FACT: If you don't already know how to use a chain saw safely, hurricane cleanup is not the time to try to teach yourself. Recently, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports more Americans kill or injure themselves after the storm during cleanup than as a direct result of the hurricane winds and flooding.*

Source: FLASH (www.flash.org); National Weather Service, Ruskin, FL



September 8 & 9, 2007 - CERT Weekend

September is **National Preparedness Month**. As CERTs you understand the necessity of remaining prepared for any type of emergency. To maintain the skills of our Connecticut CERTs we will have a **CERT Weekend** on the weekend of September 8th and 9th at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. The event will occur from 8:00 a.m. till 4 p.m. All Connecticut CERTs are invited to attend and practice some of the skills that they learned in CERT training. Chief Elected Officials, Board of Education Members, and all CERT members are invited to attend.

CERT activities will include a three hour course entitled "**Heart Saver CPR**" that will include Adult/Child CPR, Adult/Child Choking as well as Infant CPR. A three hour course will be "**The SMART Incident Command System**", that provides practical, relevant solutions to triage and incident management. Also a course entitled "**Wilderness First Aid**" (wilderness defined as remote geographical location more than 1 hour from definitive medical care) will be offered. An all day course entitled "**HazMat Awareness**" will be offered Sunday, September 9, 2007. September 8, 2007, Detective Pat Chagnon will present **Operation Safeguard** that addresses the issue of Terrorism and its effect on our lifestyle. Also on September 8, 2007, Jonathan Hardy, from the **Newington Amateur Radio League, Inc.** (an ARRL-affiliated Special Services Club dedicated to the promotion of amateur radio and public service) will give a presentation on how the league operates and how they work together with the CERT Teams. Dr. Arnold Goldman and Dr. Peter Conserva will give an informative presentation about the **State Animal Response Teams (S.A.R.T.)** in Connecticut. Other activities held during the weekend will include Fire Extinguisher use, Cribbing, Home Safety Check Training and a Maze Confidence Course. All courses will be open enrollment except **Basic CPR Class** which will require prior registration. Registration is required for attending the CERT Weekend.

A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided for those attending. With the new course offerings, we hope that as many of our CERTs can attend as possible. Please see the schedule for the events of the CERT Weekend.

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation in our *Third CERT Weekend*.

Please register to attend the CERT Weekend online at our website

www.ct.gov/demhs

If you have any additional questions please contact: Sharon G. Mazzochi

Email: sharon.mazzochi@po.state.ct.us

Phone: 860-256-0840

TOWN NOTES:

MANCHESTER, CT

Cruisin' on Main 2007

The 7th Annual Cruisin' on Main event, sponsored by the Manchester Downtown District and the "Over the Hill Gang" (a local car club), was held on August 5th. There were well over 1100 cars that lined the 1 mile stretch of Main Street and an estimate of over 20,000 people who attended the event.

Almost 30 local CERT Team members helped in the areas of volunteer hospitality, volunteer registration, communications, and as side street monitors. The one mile stretch of Main Street was broken into three sections, with tents set up to assist people with requests for help, directions, etc.

A fourth unit was in Newington's CP8 and they acted as dispatchers for all the radio systems. (In addition to Public Safety being on their own radio system, two radio systems and 6 radio frequencies were used to assist the event operation!) The CERT Communications team didn't miss a beat! There were even a few medical emergencies (people coming to the communications tents needing medical assistance). At the same time, a structure fire occurred on one of the side streets, and was handled so well the crowd never knew it was happening.

Deputy Commissioner Wayne Sandford of DEMHS, who entered his 1966 Ford Fairlane Convertible in the show, felt high praise should be given to EMD Don Jannelle, as well as the CERT Team and all involved, for all the hard work to make it such a well run event.

All profits were donated to a local cancer charity.



Wells St comms post was staffed by Ray Gagnon and Pat Sklenar



Command post Communications - CERT members Cathy Grover and Kathleen Phelps handled all communications to and from the field.



Center Park Comms - CERT members Gladys Kielb and Chris Mulinar man the station



CT CSAR team was well represented with 4 dog teams



Forest St comms - CERT members George Lillenstein and John Winkley covered this station



CERT members and Side street monitors Linda Bycholski and Teri Carter, enjoy the day at their post



CERT member Irene Balaban took the lead with volunteer registration



CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP FOR FIREFIGHTERS & EMT-PARAMEDICS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

*NEW HAVEN REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY
230 Ella Grasso Boulevard, New Haven, CT 06519*

*“Inhalation of Carbon Monoxide and
Hydrogen Cyanide: Effects on Firefighters,
Victims and Strategies to Avoid Exposure”*

Presented by:

Dr. David G. Penney

And

Firefighter Frank Ricci, NHFD

Dr. David Penney's professional interests have been focused on carbon monoxide for over 37 years, in both animal models and in humans. His work has focused on chronic CO poisoning, education of the public about the dangers of CO poisoning, the diagnosis and management of CO poisoning victims, and the medico-legal aspects of carbon monoxide toxicology.

Dr. Penney has assisted many national and international government and non-government agencies in matters involving carbon monoxide. He was among the earliest consultants to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in setting CO standards for outside air. He assisted the World Health Organization (WHO) in the late 1990s in setting similar standards for the world. He has worked with the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and with other concerned groups in Australia to attempt to stem the tide of suicides involving CO. Currently, Dr. Penney assists Underwriters Laboratory (UL) as a medical expert on CO in establishing standards for gas monitoring equipment and he has published more than 65 articles and books on carbon monoxide events.

Firefighter Frank Ricci has served as an adjunct instructor for the New Haven Fire Department, Top Rung and Middlesex County Fire Schools. Currently he serves as the Director of Fire Services for ConnectiCOSH and has been a subject matter consultant for Yale, FDNY, Essex PB&R and the DuPont Corporation. Frank has been nationally published in Fire Engineering magazine and is one of the contributing authors of a book entitled Carbon Monoxide Poisoning due out in late 2007. He lectures across the country on injury rehabilitation, safety and tactics. Frank has worked on a heavy rescue unit covering Bethesda and Chevy Chase MD and was a “student live in” at station 31 in Rockville MD. He is in his 10th year with the City of New Haven Fire Department and most recently, developed the Fire Engineering film “Smoke Showing.” He has performed work with the FDNY and is one of the developers of the Reilly–Emergency Breathing Technique R-EBT for use with self-contained breathing apparatus.

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Emergency Planning For Schools Workshop

Co-Sponsored by the State Department of Education and
The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Workshop Location: (Free Workshop)

Education Connection, Litchfield,
Wednesday, September 26

Mohegan Sun Safety Complex, Thursday, September 27

(Light Continental Breakfast starting at 8:00 am)
Lunch is provided

Both workshops will be held from 8:30 to 3:30

This is a one day workshop that will:

1. Describe emergency response operations, roles and duties;
2. Explain how the Incident Command System can be applied in the school environment and used to develop and exercise the plan;
3. Discussion of potential hazards that may impact schools;
4. Explain how to develop and test an Emergency Response Plan.

This workshop is designed for school administrators, principals, facility (custodial) managers, special educators, nurses, school resource officers and mental health staff. **It is highly recommended that all attendees take the online course IS-100SC, Introduction to ICS for Schools available at no cost at www.fema.training.gov.**

Ideally, these groups would attend as **5 person** teams enabling them to assess their current school emergency plans and where appropriate, make adjustments. However, single registrations are welcomed.

Attendance will be limited to 80 participants. First come, first served.

Upcoming Training & Exercise

Sept 6	ICS-100—CRCOG
Sept 8 & 9	National Preparedness Month—CERT Weekend—Windsor Locks
Sept 11	ICS-200—CRCOG ICS-300—Bridgeport
Sept 15 & 22	CERT Train the Trainer, Day 1 & 2—Brainard
Sept 17	ICS-300—Bridgeport
Sept 26	Emergency Planning for Schools Workshop—Litchfield ICS-300—Bridgeport
Sept 27	IS-800—CRCOG Emergency Planning for Schools—Uncasville

For training and exercise questions please contact Dave Brown, Bob Christ, Bob Scata, or Sharon Mazzochi at **860-256-0840**. Please go to the website to register for these courses.

Training is critical for first responders and is readily available through the State Fire Academy, Regional Fire Schools, and the Police Officers Training Academy. First responders include Police, Fire, Public Works, and 911 dispatchers to name but a few.

All of the following organizations have the ability to deliver **NIMS training** to your police officers, fire-fighters, public works employees, 911 dispatchers, health workers, education staff and emergency management personnel. Training can be delivered weekdays, weekends or evenings to meet your needs. The NIMS program can be delivered in four, eight or twelve hour modules depending on the duties assigned to personnel.

You should also know that these programs are available on line at FEMA's web site:
http://www.fema.gov/tab_education.shtm

Training Facility Contact Information:

Police Officers Training Council	203-238-6505
Connecticut Fire Academy	860-627-6363
Eastern CT Fireman's Training School	860-487-1105
New Haven Regional Fire Academy	203-946-6215
Wolcott Fire School	203-879-1559
Hartford County Fire School	860-828-3242
Burrville Fire Training School	860-482-7496
Valley Fire Training School	203-736-6222
Middlesex County Fire School	860-663-1308
Fairfield Fireman's Training School	203-254-4709
Stamford Regional Training Fire School	203-977-4673

All State Agencies should contact the Training Unit at DEMHS.

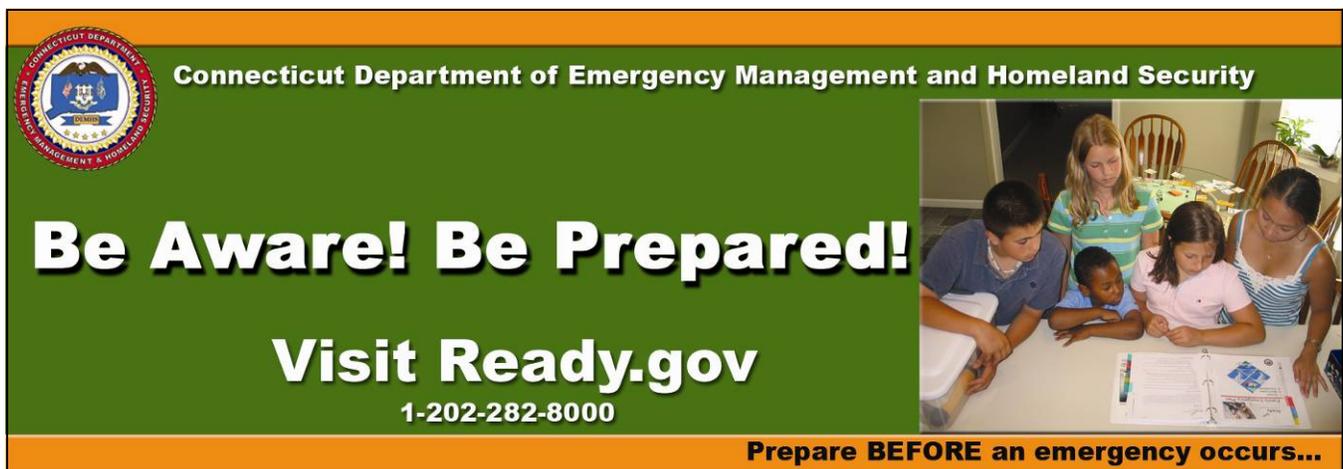
New Training Numbers and Location

Due to the fire at the Brainard Field hangar, the Training and Exercise Unit has moved to it's PERMANENT location of :

25 Sigourney Street, 6th floor, Hartford, CT 06106

There main phone number is now **860-256-0840** and their fax number remains **860-706-5539**.

Please make note of these changes.



Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Be Aware! Be Prepared!

Visit Ready.gov

1-202-282-8000

Prepare BEFORE an emergency occurs...

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is urging all residents, businesses, and schools to go to READY.GOV for preparedness information on how to handle natural and man-made disasters. There is an abundance of information that includes plans, kit information, contact information sheets and links to other helpful and informative sites. There are also activities for kids and schools.

Please take a moment to check out the website and pass the information and site address along to your communities, schools and businesses.