



HSEM COMMUNITY UPDATE



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We Wish You All a Merry Christmas with a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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THE THERAPY DOG TEAM MAKING FRIENDS!



In the last couple months our Volunteer Therapy Dog Team has been out and about in the community. They have made an appearance at Port Huron Police Department at all road patrol shifts and they did a tour and met the Dispatchers at St. Clair County Central Dispatch. They went for one visit to the on duty dispatch shift, and then they were requested to come back to meet with the other shifts so they could visit with them also. The team was delighted to go back to visit. Some of the services that the team has responded to are; comforting a child that has been taken out of a home in a stressful situation, or if there has been an unusual or stressful event at a school such as a death of a student or teacher. The dogs are specially trained to be calming, and provide comfort to a stressful situation.



HSEM Director Reappointed



The National Archives and Records Administration's Information Security Oversight Office has informed HSEM Director Jeff Friedland that he has been reappointed to the State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Advisory Committee in which he will continue to serve as vice-chair. The committee was established under Executive Order 13549 "Classified National Security Information Program for State, Local, Tribal and Private Sector Entities" is established to discuss program-related policy issues in dispute in order to facilitate their resolution and to otherwise recommend changes to policies and procedures to remove undue impediments to the sharing of information under this program. His term expires November 20, 2022.

WARNING INFORMATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (W.I.N.S.)

Mass notification in action:

In a pilot project, Landmark Academy is using the WINS system to account for teachers and student in both evacuation and lockdown situations and drills.

PROBLEM: The current way that most schools track these situations is manually. It takes a person having to be in contact with each individual teacher to ensure that each class has taken the appropriate action and that each student in that class has been accounted for. Although manual processes have been put in place to make this process as quick and efficient as possible, it still takes precious minutes to physically contact each teacher and ensure there are no exceptions.

SOLUTION: Landmark Academy is running a pilot project using WINS and receiving the results almost instantaneously. In this pilot every teacher is immediately notified at the same time of a situation or drill, and they can respond with a single click that they all students are accounted for (or note any exceptions).

This pilot project significantly cuts down the time frame for any exceptions that may occur and can immediately identify any exceptions and allow administrators to take immediate appropriate action.

Once this pilot has finished the service will be offered to all schools in St. Clair County.



1st Responders and Hospital Staff Train Together

The St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in conjunction with Ascension River District Hospital in East China Township held an Active Shooter/Mass Casualty Exercise at the hospital on December 6th, 2018. After several weeks of planning, over 50 people participated in the exercises. Assistance was provided from several emergency responder agencies including the St. Clair Fire Department, Marine City Fire Department, St. Clair County Sheriff Department, and Tri-Hospital EMS. The fire departments were able to utilize and train with their new protective gear that was recently purchased specifically for these types of incidents. The photos show firefighters dressed in that gear to provide protection to vital areas of the body. Volunteers from the Port Huron Police VIP program and the Kimball Township Fire Department Fire Corp played the role of victims for the exercise. A team of Moulage experts helped to apply realistic make-up to the victims to simulate real injuries which added another level of realism to the event.

The exercise also tasked Ascension with assembling and coordinating staff from all departments within the hospital, including doctors, nurses, security officers, and emergency management personnel in handling the patient surge into their Emergency Department. The exercise was deemed a success and is part of Ascension River District Hospital's plan to become a Level IV Trauma Center as designated by the State of Michigan.



WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS



Winter Weather Awareness Week has come and gone (November 4-10) but it is a perfect time to implement family plans, develop emergency kits, or even winterize your home or vehicle to prepare for what may come this season.

- Put together a basic emergency kit. A basic emergency kit should have a three day supply of food, water and medicine, along with the essential supplies your family will need in the event of a prolonged power outage when travel is not possible. More advice on what to include in an emergency kit for your family can be found at ready.gov/build-a-kit.
- Know the risks your community faces and monitor weather forecasts. When a winter storm is in the forecast, communicate with family members and know their location and travel plans. Make sure all family members are able to get emergency alerts. There are several apps from the National Weather Service or locally through our WINS (Warning Information Notification System). You can go to our website: www.bereadystclaircounty.org to sign up under the WINS button. Make sure you are specific on your choices under each notification.
- While the best idea is to just stay home during winter storms, sometimes that's not possible. Winterize your vehicle and keep an emergency kit in your car. And as always you can check the www.ready.gov for more information.



Car Winter Survival Kit Checklist



<input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlight & Extra Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>  Blankets/Sleeping Bag	<input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots
<input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>  Non-Perishable Food Granola Bars, Dried nuts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Sand/Kitty Litter Used for Traction
<input type="checkbox"/>  Snow Shovel	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bottled Water	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone & Charger
<input type="checkbox"/>  Ice Scraper with Brush	<input type="checkbox"/>  Booster Cables	<input type="checkbox"/>  Flares/Triangles & other Bright Objects

- If you must drive, slow down and allow extra time to reach your destination! Let someone know where you are going and what route you are going to take. If your car gets stuck in a storm, stay in your vehicle! If you leave your vehicle, you could become disoriented quickly if there is wind-driven snow and cold. Run the motor for a total of 10 minutes each hour for heat. While running the motor, open the window a little bit so that fresh air can get into the car to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure you clear snow away from the exhaust pipe to avoid gas poisoning. Attach a bright cloth to your car door to draw attention to yourself, and when it stops snowing, raise the hood of your car to indicate to others you need help.



Released a New Exercise

Try it out and see how you do!

The name of the exercise is Hacked 2018 – Cyber Attack

Visit <https://planetready.com/cyber> to get #ReadyForIt today!

Do1Thing in December: **First Aid**

Be prepared to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance.

[Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.](#)

Call 911 instead of trying to take an injured or ill person to the hospital yourself. It seems like waiting for an ambulance will make it take longer to get help, but ambulance crews can start providing care as soon as they arrive.

[Make or buy first aid kits for your home and car.](#)

Ready-made first aid kits are available at most department stores or your local American Red Cross chapter.

[Take training in first aid, CPR, AED, or pet first aid.](#)

Knowing how to apply a bandage, identify the signs and symptoms of shock, perform CPR or use an automatic external defibrillator (AED) can save a life.

For more information go to: www.do1thing.com



Or visit our website at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org

