

PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

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FREE PUBLIC PRESENTATION

On May 17th, at the Marysville High School Performing Arts Center, we will be presenting “Behind the Scene: Lessons Learned in Response to and Recovery from the Route 91 Concert Shooting in Las Vegas, NV”

This program will begin at 7:00pm and provide residents with information on some of the initial confusion about how many shooters, location of shooter, the conflicting 911 calls, the quick response to the Mandalay Bay, etc., as well as the medical challenges that were faced. Understanding your role as an employee or citizen at such an event feeds directly into how “average citizens” were the true heroes of that night. Several other areas will be present such as challenges that a community faces not only for response but also recovery. Very seldom are the issues of economic impact, overall emotion stability of a community, long term effects, and the responsibilities of community leaders are discussed.

This presentation is free. Please email emergencymanagement1@stclaircounty.org or call 810-989-6965 with the number of tickets you would like.

CITIZENS ACADEMY UPDATE

All three Citizens Academies are going well. The attendees are learning all about the different 1st responder duties. Some people are attending more than one academy. The instructors are phenomenal and are doing a great job with the instruction.



Citizens Academy practicing SCBA/Search and Rescue, and a presentation and demonstration with the Sheriff K-9.



Scott Crawford, council on Aging CEO, Laura Nestle, Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Director, and Teri Wilmoth, AmeriCorps Volunteer with SCC HSEM all holding a Mayoral Proclamation from the City of Port Huron

National Service Recognition Day

National Service Recognition Day was held on April 3rd at the Council on Aging in Port Huron. Several volunteers were in attendance with AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. The Senior Corps showcased the Foster Grandparent Program, and the AmeriCorps Volunteer with Homeland Security and Emergency Management did a presentation on building and maintaining an emergency kit for your home.

SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR THREAT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Several School Districts will be participating in a threat assessment workshop in late June. The workshop focus on the success of the Mid-Valley Student Threat Assessment Team This team has been well-functioning entities focused on the threat of violent behavior. Built from a collaborative, multi-agency structure, the team operates a regional system that serves school districts, higher education institutions and the community.

Participants will receive:

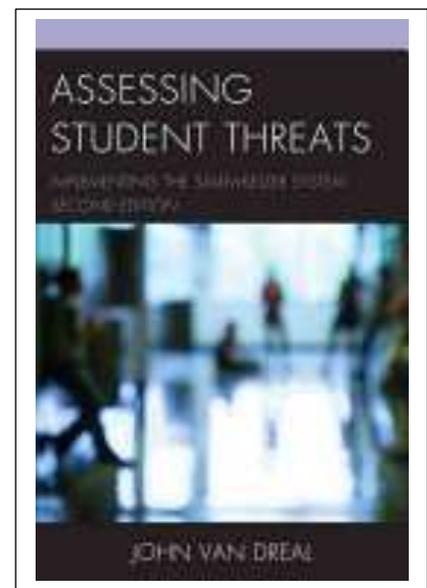
- A review of the basic concepts of threat assessment.
- A review of youth violence, examining research and best practice prescriptive recommendations for assessment and management.
- A review of the dynamics and risk factors for reactive aggression, teen dating aggression, and targeted violence within in K-12 schools.
- The application of threat assessment concepts and research in a site based protocol, called a Level 1. As well as instruction on the use of the Level 1 protocol.
- The application of threat assessment concepts and research in a community based protocol, called a Level 2. And Direct instruction on conducting Level 2 assessments.
- A review of a centralized and community based Level 2 threat assessment system as support to each school district's Level 1 teams and as a regional resource.
- A review of local and regional resources and implementation issues within each school district as well as available youth-serving agency support for a community-based, Level 2 team. And a brainstorming process to adapt the Level 2 team to those available resources.
- Case study exercises as examples of application.

The presenter is Courtenay McCarthy. She is the lead School Psychologist in student threat assessment and management for Salem-Keizer Public Schools. She has extensive experience in threat assessment and management, psychoeducational evaluation, intervention with at-risk youth and families, and behavioral consultation and intervention. She is chair of the Mid-Valley Student Threat Assessment Team and is a member of the Marion County Threat Advisory Team. She is a nationally certified School Psychologist and regularly provides training and consultation to local, regional, and national audiences on student threat assessment systems and youth violence. She is also a contributing author to the book, *Assessing Student Threats: Implementing the Salem-Keizer System – Second Edition* (Van Dreal, 2017).

Participating School Districts and County Agencies participating are:

Marysville Schools
Yale Schools
Capac Schools
Memphis Schools
Algonac Schools
St. Clair County RESA
Landmark Academy
Lapeer County ISD
St. Clair County Community Mental Health
St. Clair County Day Treatment Program
St. Clair County Juvenile Probation
St. Clair County Homeland Security – Emergency Management

At this point there are only 6 open spots remaining for this excellent training.





Finally the warmer weather has arrived!!!

With that so has the threat of severe weather. Go through your emergency kit and make sure that it is ready. Here are a few tips to get prepared:

Preparing for a tornado or thunderstorm:

- Plan. Be sure everyone in your household knows where to go and what to do in case of a tornado or thunderstorm warning.
- Know the safest location for shelter in your home, workplace and school. Load-bearing walls near the center of the basement or lowest level generally provide the greatest protection.
- Know the location of designated shelter areas in local public facilities, such as schools, shopping centers and other public buildings.
- Have emergency supplies on hand, including a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, flashlight, and a supply of fresh batteries, first-aid kit, water, and cell phone.
- Keep a three-day supply of food on hand. Keep some food in your supply kit that doesn't require refrigeration.
- Make an inventory of household furnishings and other possessions. Supplement it with photographs of each room and keep them in a safe place.
- Sign up to receive text or e-mail alerts from your local media, weather provider, or through an app.

What to do when a thunderstorm approaches your area:

- Stay tuned to your weather radio or local news station for the latest updates from the National Weather Service or go to the National Weather Service website, www.weather.gov.
- Seek safe shelter when you first hear thunder, when you see dark threatening clouds developing overhead, or see lightning. Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder or see lightning. Remember, lightning can strike more than ten miles away from any rainfall.
- When you hear thunder, run to the nearest large building or a fully enclosed vehicle (soft-topped convertibles are not safe). It is not safe anywhere outside.
- If you are boating or swimming, get to land and seek shelter immediately.
- Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Any item plugged into an electrical outlet may cause a hazard during a tornado or thunderstorm. Do not use corded (plug-in) telephones except in an emergency.

What to do when a tornado warning is issued for your area:

- Quickly move to shelter in the basement or lowest floor of a permanent structure.
- In homes and small buildings, go to the basement and get under something sturdy, like a workbench or stairwell. If a basement is not available, go to an interior part of the home on the lowest level. A good rule of thumb is to put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible.
- In schools, hospitals and public places, move to the designated shelter areas. Interior hallways on the

lowest floors are generally best.

- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Broken glass and windblown projectiles cause more injuries and deaths than collapsed buildings. Protect your head with a pillow, blanket, or mattress.
- If you are caught outdoors, a sturdy shelter is the only safe location in a tornado.
- If you are boating or swimming, get to land and seek shelter immediately.

After a tornado or thunderstorm:

- Inspect your property and motor vehicles for damage. Write down the date and list the damages for insurance purposes. Check for electrical problems and gas leaks and report them to the utility company at once.
- Watch out for fallen power lines. Stay out of damaged buildings until you are sure they are safe and will not collapse. Secure your property from further damage or theft.
- Use only chlorinated or bottled supplies of drinking water.
- Check on your food supply. Food stored in a refrigerator or freezer can spoil when the power goes out.

LIGHTNING SAFETY

Lightning can provide a spectacular display of light in the nighttime sky, but this awesome show of nature can also cause destruction and/or death. Lightning is the visible discharge of electrical energy. It is often accompanied by thunder, which is a sonic boom created by the same discharge. It is important to remember that if you hear thunder, a storm is close enough for lightning to strike you, even if the storm seems miles away and the sky is blue.



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