



HSEM UPDATE



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YOUTH READINESS COUNCIL



This was a project done by one of our Youth Readiness Councilmembers Lexie Potts.

Each grave marker up close:



Very creative! Great Job Lexie!

THIS WEEK'S EBW.TV LINKS

[The 3rd part in the series with Kristina Anderson, Virginia Tech Shooting Survivor](#)
[The last part of the 4 part series with Kristina Anderson, Virginia Tech Shooting Survivor](#)



Medilodge of Port Huron



ICS Command Chart

Medilodge of Port Huron hosts a preparedness exercise for Evacuation Events within their Facilities

St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management conducted an evacuation tabletop exercise on Thursday, June 1, 2017 with Medilodge of Port Huron located on Lakeshore Rd. in Fort Gratiot Township. The tabletop exercise was attended by key staff from Medilodge Port Huron along with administrative representatives from their sister agencies located in Yale, St. Clair and Richmond plus the Medilodge Regional Maintenance Director. Also attending the exercise were emergency response personnel from Fort Gratiot Township Fire Department, Burtchville Township Fire Department, Tri-Hospital EMS and St. Clair County Sheriff Department.

The two hour tabletop exercise focused on actions to be undertaken and expectations of staff and emergency responders should a severe weather event cause enough damage to the facility to warrant evacuation. Topics of discussion included: Evacuation procedures; Unified incident command structure; Resident, staff and visitor accountability and tracking protocols; Outside agency support; Relocation protocols, and Site security. The goal is to conduct similar exercises with all Long Term Care Facilities in St. Clair County and eventually conduct full scale exercises involving the actual movement of people (non-residents of the facility).

MICIMS REFRESHER COURSE

9am – 11am Wednesday August 2nd

For those that could not attend the last training and would like to get their skills tuned up contact Pam at pbaunoch@stclaircounty.org or phone: 810-989-6387 to get registered. The state has done an update and you will find it to be interesting and more easily used.

Cloud formations in the Smiths Creek/Marysville Area last week:



However scary these looked they did not have rotation. Great pictures everyone!

Way to keep your eye on the sky!

SAFETY TOWN UPCOMING EVENTS

This program was designed to teach Safety to children ages 5 - 8 years old.

To sign up call 810-989-6385

July 10th, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Location: VFW, 4 W. Mechanic St. Yale, MI

July 26th, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Birchwood Mall, 4350 24th Ave., Fort Gratiot

August 22nd, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Birchwood Mall, 4350 24th Ave., Fort Gratiot

August 30th, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Lakeport Wesleyan Church, 3871 Harris Rd., Lakeport (Full)

TBD, Clay Township/Algonac Area, Information will be given as soon as details are confirmed.



If you are interested in hosting this opportunity - Homeland Security and Emergency Management will provide everything needed to put on Safety Town. Your organization just needs to provide a space and children to participate. We can also help advertise for students. We are looking at children grades K–2 (5–8 years old).

The space needed:

For the entire Safety Town mat (2 sections) we need an area 40' x 54'

For half mat Safety Town we need an area 40' x 27'

If you are interested email: emergencymanagement@stclaircounty.org or call (810)989-6965



Fireworks Safety Tips

- Know and Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult **SHOULD** supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks **OUTDOORS** in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your **POCKET** or shoot them into **METAL** or **GLASS** containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- FAA regulations **PROHIBIT** the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

And let's not forget the safety of our pets!

- Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display, even a small one.
- If fireworks are being used near your home, put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound.
- Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.
- Never shoot fireworks of any kind (consumer fireworks, sparklers, fountains, etc.) near pets.

Or visit our website at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org

