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WELL, IT IS SPRING(ISH).....

Here are more pictures from our Weather Spotter, Carla Russo



Did you take the preparedness survey in the last edition? If not, you can still take it....it only takes 1 minute. The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKQJSYC>

Some of our Volunteers in Action recently.....



Safety Day-Marysville



Active Shooter Drill



Safety Town-YMCA



City of St. Clair Safety Town

We would like to Thank all of our dedicated volunteers for what they do for us!

Flooding potential in St. Clair County



Due to high water levels in the St. Clair River and Lake St Clair there is some flooding currently in East China and the Townships of Clay and Ira. At this time the water has begun to reach houses and minor flooding is occurring. This is a very dynamic situation and does have the opportunity to change quickly with amount of projected rainfall, wind direction and waves depending on where you are located within the county. Please pay attention to National Weather Service watches and warnings regarding information in your local area.

If your home is impacted please contact the Emergency Operation Center at 810.989.6392 or via email at damage@stclaircounty.org. Please include your address, phone number, foundation type, amount of water in your home, and damage pictures in the email.

This will NOT be a short term incident and has the potential to grow exponentially due to forecasts over the course of the next few months, water levels may rise an additional 6-8 inches. At that point there would be significant impact over a large area.

Some recommendations:

If your house starts to flood:

- Stop the flow of water and minimize damage.
- Move essential items to an upper floor.
- Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.
- Shut off water, gas and electricity, if you are instructed to do so.
- You can get sandbags through your township/city office.

If you need to leave your house, you should do the following:

- Secure your home.
- Grab your disaster kit (remember medicine, vital documents, food for your unique situation)
- Take your pets
- Shelter locations will be opened in the event you are to leave your home and are in need of sheltering. Contact your township office.
- If you cannot physically leave or have difficulty call Central Dispatch at 810-985-8115 or dial 911.
- Notify your insurance company

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY WINS SYSTEM will be used to contact you in an emergency situation. If you have caller ID, you may not recognize the number, however please answer and receive the information.

Stay Informed

- Listen for updates on the radio or television.
- Check the Be Ready St Clair County Facebook page for updates.
- Check the local government website



Don't be this guy!

If you need any non-life threatening assistance related to the flood, please call your local dispatch at 810-794-9381 for Clay/Ira Township all others call: 810-985-8115 or dial 2-1-1 for local community-based organization disaster response assistance.

Note from the Director

This summer is poised to be a record water level year that will be a challenge for all of us in the county. Please remember that we are all in this together. If there is a need, let your local leadership know. We will work the request and get answers. Open and honest communication is key! I will strive to be forthcoming with information. You must continue to work hard to protect your properties. This must be the number one priority. Keep in contact with one another and we will get through this! Be safe!

Justin

2019 Emergency Services Breakfast



This year's ES Breakfast was held May 17th at Alexanders Banquet Center in Marysville. Roop Raj, Fox News Detroit, was the speaker this year. The breakfast was well attended along with the Golf Outing afterwards. The weather for the Golf Outing turned very cold, but the hard core golfers still golfed. All had a good time.



UNIQUE FAMILY NEEDS

Goal for June: Be aware of and prepare for your family's unique needs.

Every household is different. Is there an infant or young child in your home? Does someone in your family have a medical condition that requires medication? Do you have a pet? Before disaster strikes, talk to your family about your household's unique needs. Make a list of special items you may need in a disaster.

For more information, click on the do1thing link: www.do1thing.com you can sign up for monthly reminders if you wish also. Remember to get prepared before an incident happens.

Help Needed

Are you interested in helping your community? We are in need of volunteers to help with many aspects of Emergency Management. Some of the areas that volunteers are needed:

Animal Ready Team: When animals are left behind in a disaster situation, volunteers would find and turn animals over to a sheltering organization or maybe assist at a shelter.

Communications Support: Volunteers report to the Emergency Operations Center and assist the local dispatch centers with making phone calls or requesting resources, or any non-emergency assistance to take the extreme load off the dispatchers so they can handle the emergencies.

Community Ready Team: Volunteers would provide assistance in any disaster type event this could be searching for victims, taking victims to shelters, helping to set up shelters, keeping track of other volunteers, this position could be one of many different tasks.

Donation Center Worker: If donations are given to provide assistance to victims or workers in a disaster event, this volunteer would keep track of what is donated, from where and where it was distributed to.

Heavy Vehicle Operator: This volunteer would do just what it sounds like. Operate heavy equipment in a disaster situation.

Lift Truck Operator: This volunteer will operate a lift truck in a disaster situation.

Mass Feeding Worker/Cook: This volunteer would work at an emergency shelter and or cook the food to serve to the displaced citizens.

Office Worker: This volunteer would assist with any office work that is needed when the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is open.

Public Education: This volunteer will assist with any public educations that will be done in a disaster situation or to train citizens (both adult and children) in preparedness.

Reception Center Worker: When a reception center is opened for extreme heat or cold or power outage situation this volunteer will assist opening and managing the reception center.

Social Media Worker: In an emergency situation this volunteer will monitor Social Media and report emergencies, damage, and stop rumors received on social media.

Special Needs Worker: Assist with many emergency and non-emergency resources for citizens with special needs.

Weather Spotter: Train in being a weather spotter to assist in any weather situation.

If you are interested in becoming an Homeland Security/Emergency Management Volunteer please email us at emergencymanagement1@stclaircounty.org or call 810-989-6987.

Free Training Available:

Medical Preparedness & Response to Bombing Incidents

(MGT 348 – PER233).

Date/Time: September 12 -13, 2019 8:00 am to 4:30 pm/Course Length: 2 days

Location: St Clair County EOC 295 Airport Dr Kimball, MI 48074

This course is intended for members of emergency response as well as other city and county services that become a part of a community response to a bombing incident. This interactive, instructor facilitated program employs case studies, lessons learned, validated medical data, and potential threats to the communities we serve. Sessions will address planning considerations and concerns specific to medial responders, law enforcement, and emergency planners, with an intended outcome of integrating incidents of an explosive nature to existing plans. This will enhance community preparedness by identifying areas to address when attendees return to their jurisdiction.

Topics Include: Types of Terrorism and Target Identification; Explosive Characteristics and Behaviors; Homemade Explosives; Pre-attack indicators; Blast Injury Triage Considerations, injuries types and treatments; Pre-Post Detonation Response; Planning and Command Considerations; Understanding Local, State and Federal Resources

Recommended Participants: Emergency Medical Service (EMS), Fire Services, Law Enforcement (local, county, state, federal), Communications -Dispatchers, Specialty Teams Member (SWAT, Tactical Medics, Bomb Team, HazMat), Hospital Personnel, Medical Professionals, Emergency Management, Private Sector, City, County, State, Federal Stakeholders.

This training is provided in a cooperative effort by TEEX A&M and New Mexico Tech EMRTC.
Creating your Mi-Train Account (**If you have a Mi-Train Account, go to registering for a course**)

1. Go to the MI-TRAIN website at <http://www.train.org/mi-train>.
2. Click on **Create an Account**, which appears underneath the login box on the left hand side.
3. Complete all of the information, click "I agree to all TRAIN policies" and click Next Step. Do not hit the Back button at any time during the registration process.
4. Next fill in your street address and phone number and click **Create Account**.
5. Your home page will open. Now click on,! **Your profile is incomplete** under the notification section on the right side of the screen
6. Complete all sections of your profile with an ! indicator next to it.
7. For the Manage Groups section, click a **Join a Group** and then **Location**. Type "Michigan" in the search box and then click **Michigan**. Next select **Michigan State Police (MSP)** and then click, Confirm these selections.
8. After all incomplete sections of the profile are complete, then click **SAVE** in the top right of the screen and then click **Close** in the top left of the screen.

Registering for a course:

1. Go to the Mi-TRAIN website at <http://www.train.org/mi-train>
2. Enter you login name and password and click the **Login** button
3. At the top of the page, click the magnifying glass, type **1052596** in the Search TRAIN box and then push **Enter**
4. Click on the course title: **Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents (MGT-348) (PER-233)**
5. Find the session you wish to attend and click on the **Register** button to that session.
6. If there are credits associated with the course, pick a credit type from the drop down and then click **Ok**.
7. You will receive a message you have registered for the course.

***CE Credits: This course is approved and accredited for continuing education hours from: ENA – Emergency Nurses Association. *Fire and EMS continuing education credits have been applied for.**

**This is a SCC Youth Readiness Council Fundraiser, if you can, please support our youth.
Thank you.**



FUNDRAISER EVENT

Raise Money For:
St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council



When	Where	How
Saturday, July 20, 2019 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Panda Express at 24th & Cherry Hill Dr Panda Express 4795 24th Avenue Fort Gratiot, MI 48059	In-store: Show paper or digital version of this flyer Online: Enter 270280 in the promo code box during online checkout.

20% of event sales will be donated to: St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

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Make sure to take this flyer with you or have it on your smart phone. You can get more information on the YRC at their website: www.youthreadinesscouncil.org

Or visit our website at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org

