

PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

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Our County – Our Safety

St Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management presents the Hostile Event Awareness Training Program

This is a 20 minute presentation to generate public awareness by educating community partnership on how to identify potential suspicious activities. Topics will include:

- Culture of Preparedness
- Threat of Terrorism
- Tactics of Terrorism
- Targets of Terrorism
- Signs of Terrorism
- Indicators
- Establishing Partnerships to Protect Our Communities



This program is presented by trained members of our Critical Asset assessment Team.

Are we vulnerable?

If you would like us to present at your next meeting, please contact Nikki Falk at 810.989.6329 or by email at emergencymangement@stclaircounty.org to schedule.

FUN WITH NIMS/ICS 300



The St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management recently held a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) 300 class- Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents. The three day class occurring in January 2018 and was held at the new Kimball Fire Station on Allen Rd. This class was the largest ever held in the county since the inception of the program in 2008. Multiple disciplines were represented including members from the Fire Service, Law Enforcement Service, Emergency Medical Service, Hospitals and Public Works. The diverse group allowed for great discussion and interaction during the portions of the class that required scenario based problem solving.



HOSTILE EVENT PLANNING: MOVING FORWARD

Late 2017, representatives from the Fire Chiefs Association, Criminal Justice Association and Medical Control met with the HSEM office to identify existing gaps and the creation of multi-discipline goals. This meeting identified the need to enhance our mass casualty plan especially regarding hostile events. With this a workgroup was formed through the HSEM Advisory Council.

The workgroup was charged with creating a draft plan with a Feb 15th completion date. This group has focused on hostile events involving:

- Active Violence
- Fire as a Weapon
- Explosives
- Chemicals as a Weapon
- Civil Disturbances

In conjunction with these efforts, additional training is being presented to the community. New Mexico Tech will be in the County to present:

- Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings – which provides participants with an understanding of the terrorist threat, information on recognition and capabilities of energetic materials (explosives and incendiaries) that, could be used in a terrorist attack, and appropriate response protocols.
- Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response – which focuses on the various components and manufacturing processes of homemade explosives, response considerations when encountering homemade explosives, enhancing community situational awareness,
- Understanding and Planning for School Bombing Incidents – this course specifically focuses on prevention and response to school bombing incidents. (This course has an overwhelming response and a second session was needed)

Our Critical Asset Assessment Team has conducted:

- 7 Disrupting Hostile Events/Extremist Presentations
- 6 All Hazard Safety/Security Assessments

At the Workgroup's February 6th meeting, the attendees agreed on 6 recommendations that the Chairs will present to the Homeland Security Emergency Management Advisory Council's February meeting.

- The existing workgroup continue to meet for the next two years
- The Chairs of the 3 Emergency Services Associations meet with HSEM quarterly to identify/discuss multi-discipline response issues
- The adoption of the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Guidelines for BLS/ALS Medical Providers
- The adoption of the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Guidelines for First Responders with a Duty to Act
- The adoption of the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Guidelines for First Care Providers
- The creation of a County-Wide Medical Rescue Task Force program.

Members of the workgroup are:

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| Bill Adams – Tri-Hospital EMS (Co-Chair) | Matt Reaves – Marysville EMS (Co-Chair) |
| Dan Kolke – Memphis Police | Dave Fajardo – Clay Twp. Police |
| Dave Spens – Marine City Police | John Stover – Marysville Police |
| Jeff White – Richmond Lenox EMS | John Schuman – Port Huron Fire |
| Joe Doan – Algonac Fire | Mat King – Sheriff's Dept. |
| Tina Bricker – Central Dispatch | Joe Platzer – Port Huron Police |
| Steve Stockwell – Clay Township Police | HSEM Reps |

The Advisory Council supported the recommendations and accepted the Active Shooter - Hostile Event Plan that becomes part of the County Emergency Management Plan.



Director Elected Vice Chair of SLTPS-PAC

HSEM Director Jeff Friedland has been elected Vice Chair of the State, Local, Tribal and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee (SLTPS-PAC) which advises the President, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), and other executive branch officials on all matters concerning the oversight of the SLTPS Program.

The function of the committee is to discuss program-related policy issues and advises on all matters concerning the policies relating to access and safeguarding of classified national security information by U.S. State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Entities, as specified in Executive Order 13549 and its implementing directive.

The Committee also discusses any program-related policy issues in dispute in order to facilitate their resolution and to otherwise recommend changes to policies and procedures that are designed to remove undue impediments to the sharing of information under the Program.

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER PERSONNEL WILL BE PART OF BLACK SKY PROJECT

Representative from the Electric Infrastructure Security Council will be in St. Clair County on July 24 for a Black Sky Hazard Event Simulation Project/Exercise. This is designed address the need to simulate response and recovery actions and to facilitate key stakeholders in their exploration of the impact of such hazards, while considering the benefits and projected needs for resilience measures.

The EPRO Black Sky Event Simulation Project/Exercise is a moderated exercise – using a facilitated environment to consider the impact on recovery operations from severe Black Sky Hazards that specifically address national power grids and other critical infrastructures. The project exercise focuses on building a common dialogue to discuss resilience in response recommendations to improve the understanding, planning and response requirements, and restoration and recovery requirements of a Black sky event. The exercise presents a dynamic opportunity to refine roles and responsibilities. It serves as an excellent opportunity to improve the decisions, communications and collaboration required to advance efforts to prepare for and understand the implications of a long duration power outage.

In an actual crisis scenario, utility and emergency agency managers who have experienced the crisis “often document their takeaway” lessons – learned” to improve resilience in response plans for future similar crises. Black Sky exercises make possible a similar learning process, without having to live through an actual crisis. The goal is to take “lessons-learned” and make them “lessons applied”.

St. Clair County is inviting DTE Energy, Lapeer County and Lambton County essential personnel to take part in this event.

CITIZENS ACADEMY

The dates and times have been set. Here is a chart of the 3 different Academies.

All Academies will be from 7pm to 9pm and a combined Hands-On Saturday from 9am – 2pm

| Law Enforcement Academy | Fire/EMS Academy | Emerg. Management Academy |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays |
| April 10 th | April 11 th | April 12 th |
| April 17 th | April 18 th | April 19 th |
| April 24 th | April 25 th | April 26 th |
| May 1 st | May 2 nd | May 3 rd |
| May 12 th (Saturday) | May 12 th (Saturday) | May 12 th (Saturday) |
| May 15 th | May 16 th | May 17 th |
| ALL ACADEMY GRADUATION May 22 nd (Tuesday) | | |

These Academies will give participants 1st hand knowledge of the group they have chosen, taught by responders from the field.

At the end of the training participants can apply to be on a volunteer *Community Ready Team*, where they may be deployed to different areas in the County to support responders in the field.



If you are interested in attending an Academy (or all 3) please call 810-989-6965 or email emergencymanagement@stclaircounty.org

Or visit our website at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org

