

HSEM UPDATE

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Youth Readiness Council Tours MSP Facilities in Lansing



The YRC members were welcomed by Michigan State Police at Headquarters in Lansing last week. The YRC toured the Training Academy, Aviation Division, and Emergency Operations Center they even went for a test ride at the Precision Driving Facility.

The Youth Readiness Council has also been very busy this summer developing programs, putting on the Survival Rival Challenges and working the Carnival Games at different events throughout the county.

For other information check out their website at www.youthreadinesscouncil.org

THIS WEEK'S EBW.TV AND ST. CLAIR COUNTY RESA LINKS

http://www.ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=50718&aid=12&cid=12&d=Specialist_Sgt.

Sgt. A. Bray, MSP Bomb Squad

http://www.ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=50984&aid=10&cid=12&d=Jennifer_Michal

Jennifer Michaluk, SCC Health Department

St. Clair County and Surrounding County's Cooperation



It was overwhelming to watch the massive cooperation between St. Clair County Fire Departments as well as our surrounding counties, even the Detroit Fire Department Boat participated to bring this fire under control. This all occurred during the DTE - St. Clair Power Plant fire on Thursday August 11th.

McLaren Port Huron Hospital Mass Casualty/Trauma - Patient Surge Exercise



An exercise was held on August 16th in the now vacant previous Sears Store location at the Birchwood Mall. The exercise was to test mass care in the hospital setting. This exercise also included the local fire departments and several EMS providers. Here is a brief clip from the EBW-TV news:

http://ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=51021&cid=8&d=Local_Hospitals



Remember schools will soon be back in session.....

School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up the kids, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Don't forget your **Do 1 Thing** for August/September:

GOAL FOR AUGUST: Make your community stronger by getting trained and getting involved.

It takes more than police, fire and EMS to respond to a disaster. It takes people who are committed to neighborhoods, churches, schools and volunteer organizations. When people are willing to work together for the good of others, communities are stronger.

People who are involved are the key to a disaster resilient community. They are willing and able to look out for themselves and others. A resilient community is one that can withstand a disaster and get back to normal quickly (even if normal isn't the same as it was before).

Remember, community preparedness starts at home. If you know that your family is prepared at home, you will be better able to help others in your community.

GOAL FOR SEPTEMBER: Make sure everyone in your household can receive, understand, and act on information received in an emergency.

Getting correct information during an emergency is the key to taking safe action. Someone in your household may not be able to receive, understand, or act on emergency information. Think about what special needs your household may have. Take action now to make sure everyone in your family will be safe in an emergency.

Things to consider...

- Emergency news or weather broadcasts may not be closed captioned.
- Information that is shown on screen may not be spoken aloud.
- Automated voices and voices over loud speakers may be hard to understand.
- Information comes quickly and the stress of a disaster may make it hard to understand or remember instructions.
- Words moving across the bottom of a television screen may move very quickly.
- The screen color or color of the text might make some information on television hard to read.

Remember: Taking these small steps each month adds up to having your family prepared.

Upcoming NIMS ICS 300 and 400 Course Information

St. Clair County HSEM will be conducting our Fall 2016 session of classes for **NIMS Incident Command System (ICS) 300 and 400**. These classes provide for an excellent opportunity to increase your knowledge, plus after successful testing, you will receive certification that you have been instructed on the Incident Command System used on a nationwide basis. Each class includes standardized instruction that is based on approved textbook curriculum by the State of Michigan. The following class dates are provided below: **CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 24 STUDENTS FOR EACH SESSION**

A minimum of 10 students are needed for the class to run. Less than that, is at the discretion of SCCHSEM.

October 2016- Classes held at St. Clair County EOC, 2nd Floor, 295 Airport Dr., Kimball

*ICS 300: Saturday, 10/01/2016 8:00am - 4:00pm (Textbook based instruction)

*ICS 300: Saturday, 10/08/2016 8:00am - 4:00pm (Textbook based instruction)

*ICS 300: Saturday, 10/15/2016 8:00am - 4:00pm (Textbook based instruction)

Must attend all three days to receive credit for class

pre-requisite classes are ICS 100, 200 and 700

December 2016- Classes held at St. Clair County EOC, 2nd Floor, 295 Airport Dr., Kimball

*ICS 400: Saturday, 12/03/2016 8:00am - 4:30pm (Textbook based instruction)

*ICS 400: Saturday, 12/10/2016 8:00am - 4:30pm (Textbook based instruction)

Must attend both days to receive credit for class

pre-requisite classes are ICS 100, 200, 700, and 300

To attend the NIMS 300 and 400 classes, you must register through the State of Michigan, Mi-TRAIN registration system at <https://mi.train.org>

Or visit our website at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org

