



HSEM UPDATE



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EMERGENCY SERVICES BREAKFAST 2017

Great response! The food was good! The speaker was even better! This year our speaker was Kristina Anderson, she is the executive director of the Koshka Foundation. Kristina is a survivor of the Virginia Tech mass shooting in Blacksburg, VA. Thirty-two people were killed, and seventeen were wounded on that day in April 2007, including Kristina. Kristina helps schools, organizations, law enforcement be better prepared for similar events, giving her active shooter scenario. She feels sharing what happened brings a sense of reality to those people who, unfortunately even today, don't think that this will ever happen in there town, school, church...etc. She tries to make people think about having an emergency plan.



She also did an assembly at the Marysville High School and talked to staff and students there. She did a presentation that same evening for many different people in many different fields, and she was the breakfast speaker this year.

Marysville School Superintendent Shawn Wightman thanked HSEM for providing this opportunity for his school and said, "Thank you for having Kristina share her story about her tragic Virginia Tech shooting experience with our students in Marysville; it was a memorable and powerful learning experience I know they will never forget."

Don't forget the MICIMS training on May 25th at 12:30p.m.

This is open to new users and previously trained users. We recommend a refresher every year to keep your skills up to date. The state did an update to the program. We now have staff members trained to teach this course locally. RSVP soon to Pam at pbaunoch@stclaircounty.org

**SCC HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO DIGICOM GLOBAL FOR THE
ERROR IN REPRESENTING OUR GOLD SPONSOR WITH THE
WRONG LOGO.**

**In an effort to make up for our error, and THANK Digicom for the
generous sponsorship of the Emergency Services Breakfast the
following is the corrected information:**



Offering Kenwood P25 Radios & Unication Pagers

248-866-6000

THIS WEEK'S EBW.TV LINKS

<http://ebw.tv/jeff-friedland-director-of-homeland-security-and-emergency-management/>

Spotlight on Jeff Friedland, Director
SCC Homeland Security/Emergency Management

<http://ebw.tv/smart-911/>

New Personal information system to 911 for when you need services



WHAT IS THE HOMELAND SECURITY - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL?

For many years, St. Clair County HSEM has actively embraced the “whole community” concept. A key pillar of the program is the HSEM Advisory Council that was created in 2004. The purpose of the HSEM Advisory Council is to serve as a coordinating body for assessing homeland security and emergency management needs.

They are responsible for:

- Promoting enhanced coordination between emergency response agencies
- Promoting standardization and interoperability throughout the jurisdiction
- Fostering innovative approaches to meeting homeland security and emergency management needs
- Fostering the effective use of the jurisdiction’s homeland security funding.
- Capturing innovative practices and report accomplishments that can be replicated in other communities nationally.

The voting membership of the Advisory Council is made up of one representative from each group listed below:

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| • Urban fire service (paid) | • Township Governmental Administrative |
| • Rural fire service (volunteer) | • Metropolitan Planning |
| • Municipal law enforcement | • Community Mental Health |
| • County law enforcement | • Public Health |
| • County Commissioner | • Port Huron Police |
| • Emergency Management | • Port Huron Fire |
| • Medical Control-Emergency Medical Service | • Business |
| • Medical Control - Hospitals | • Utilities – Gas |
| • Hazardous Material | • Utilities - Electric |
| • Public Works | • Labor |
| • Public Safety Communications | • Private Security |
| • Clergy | • Cyber Security |
| • City Governmental Administrative | |

The Advisory Council also serves as the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Citizens Corp Council. They meet bi-monthly at the Emergency Operations Center.



Attention

WEATHER SPOTTERS

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Weather spotters are a group of people who live or work in St. Clair County. They have specialized training in identification and reporting of weather formations. They have various methods of communicating their observations to authorities including Amateur Radio, telephone and social media. A new tool is now available for weather spotters to report directly to the Emergency Operations Center.

When a watch or warning is issued by the National Weather Service, a notice is automatically sent to all weather spotters. The weather spotters then use various methods of reporting their observations to the proper authorities depending on the severity and the spotter capabilities.

The EOC is releasing a tool that is part of the Warning Information Notification System (W.I.N.S.) and is a tool that installs as an app on weather spotters smart phones. Weather Spotters can now use the app to quickly report their visual observations directly to the Emergency Operations Center personnel. The reports automatically notify EOC personnel in a user friendly map that an event is occurring and allows them to quickly see a detailed view of all weather reports. The platform also allows for two way communications between the Emergency Operations Center and Weather Spotters.

It should be noted that this tool is reserved for trained members to report their observations. Citizens are reminded to call 911 in the event of Life or Safety such as a funnel cloud. Radar is very good at seeing very strong tornados, but we rely on weather spotters and the public to inform us on the smaller tornados and funnel clouds.

Here is your **Do1Thing** for May

GOAL FOR MAY: Make sure the people who count on you are prepared for a disaster.

Disasters can happen at any time. If you are away from home do you know where to find safe shelter locations? Do you know what the emergency procedures are for your child's school or for your workplace? Will people who count on you know what to do if you can't reach them? Know how to make sure you and your loved ones are safe in a disaster, no matter where you are.



THE DNR HAS TEAMED WITH SCCHSEM TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATIONS TO CAMPERS WHILE THEY ARE STAYING IN OUR LOCAL STATE PARKS

The St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (State Parks) is pleased to announce Emergency and Non-Emergency notifications for Algonac State Park and Lakeport State Park. The process is simple for campers and visitors to the state parks.

The process is quite simple, to activate the Emergency and Non-Emergency notifications for the state parks a person texts a keyword to 888777 (AlgonacSP, or LakeportSP). Once a person texts the keyword, they will automatically get Emergency Alerts including Life and Safety weather alerts and Non-Emergency alerts from the State Parks as text messages. When a person is done camping at the state park they simply send "STOP" to 888777 to opt out.

Emergency alerts will include Severe Thunderstorm Watch, Severe Thunderstorm Warning, Tornado Watch, Tornado Warning as well as any "life and safety" alerts. The non-emergency alerts will be sent by the State Park itself and will include facility closures, park special events and local special events. THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS SERVICE (note: normal text message rates apply).

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