SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER COSER 698

By Carol Sneyd, Regional Safety Technician

Are you taking advantage of the programs offered to you under CoSER 698?

Our participating districts have a wide range of services to choose from under the Regional Safety Services CoSER at no additional cost. We offer up to three sessions of many programs such as Right to Know, Blood Borne Pathogens, AHERA, Lockout Tagout, and Confined Space Awareness, all of which are OSHA topics. We also provide DASA Awareness and Emergency Response training. Ask us about our work with district and building emergency response teams. If you need more service than is included in the base CoSER, we can provide services or have consultants who charge at a specially contracted rate.

Don’t miss out on what is included in the program. Ask for a copy of our service guide today by e-mailing cbraden@pnwboces.org. If you have any questions, please call or email Mike or Carol at the contact information on the last page of this newsletter.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

By Carol Sneyd, Regional Safety Technician

Many school districts have updated their emergency response plans for the current school year, and some of our districts are working to adopt the New Building Emergency Response Plan Template from the state.

The Board of Regents is looking over the proposals to require adoption of the changes to building emergency response plans. The representatives from Safe Schools NY expect these changes to become mandates for the 2016-2017 school year. Districts needing more information about the new template should contact Carol Sneyd at csneyd@pnwboces.org for assistance.

The Risk & Safety staff is often asked the question what do I do if...? Do your staff, teachers, students and even parents know what you expect them to do in an emergency situation? What training and practices have you put in place? What communication do you have with them?

Our department has added two very powerful training programs for staff in our districts. One is a bomb threat response training which includes role play to practice handling threatening phone calls.
The second is **awareness training** for door greeters, monitors and other staff who man the front desk at our schools. In both programs, we review the appropriate protocols using a power point presentation. There is opportunity for questions and discussion. After about an hour, we move to role play. Staff is given a chance to practice what they have learned. Every class we have provided has received high praise from the participants.

To schedule your training program: contact Cynthia Braden at 914-248-2456 or to discuss other training opportunities contact Carol Sneyd @914-248-3854 or Mike Sellet@ 914-248-2457.

**SPICE, K2 ETC.**

More and more reports are coming out on the dangers of Spice or K2. These are not synthetic marijuana, they are potentially lethal drugs. The drug suppliers make changes to the chemical formula of these synthetic cannabinoids to avoid the drug laws. They spray the chemicals onto herbs or other plant materials and sell them as potpourri or air freshener. This material is then smoked. Some of the side effects include: psychotic episodes; paranoia, increased anxiety and hallucinations; increased heart rate; agitation; vomiting; seizures; uncontrollable body movements; and lack of emotional attachment.

New York City is cracking down on the bodegas that sell these products. They are frequently sold in convenience stores in brightly colored foil packets. They have catchy names like Scooby Snax; Red devil; Spice; K2 and many others. If you find these in your school, treat them like any other banned substance.

**CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

“Defusing and Managing Problem Students and Confrontational Parents: School and Police Tactics that Work”

Dr. John More of Response Law will provide attendees with the tools and knowledge to communicate and handle a violent student and manage confrontational parents effectively. This conference is co-sponsored by NYSIR and by PNW BOCES.

**DATE:** November 17, 2015

**WHERE:** PNW BOCES, School Services Bldg.

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. to noon

**Register at MyLearningPlan®**

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