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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The NYSED is rolling out a new template for Building Level Emergency Response Plans at meetings throughout the state. The new template will fall in line with FEMA Emergency Planning Guidance while still following the mandates of the SAVE Legislation. In our area, meetings will be held on March 5, 6 or April 1. To find out more information and to register go to: [http://safeschools.ny.gov/](http://safeschools.ny.gov/)

On April 14 from 10 am-12 pm, our department will be offering an opportunity to further explore the new School Building Emergency Plan Template. The meeting will be held in the School Services Building on our main campus.

Remember, Mike and Carol are available to meet individually with your District- and Building- level teams to support you in updating your plans.

Please contact Carol Sneyd at csneyd@pnwboces.org

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**ALERTT: CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER**

By Carol Sneyd, Regional Safety Technician

Sometimes we get lucky, and anticipated threats such as the “Blizzard of ’15” do not materialize. Recent events around the world like the school shooting in Pakistan and the newspaper-office shooting in France, however, remind us that sometimes they do. On January 22, 2015, 16 members of the Regional Safety Committee participated in a very powerful training. The presentation, by Sgt. Amery Bernhardt and Sgt. Vincent Antonecchia of the Westchester County Police Department, was titled “ALERTT: Civilian Response to Active Shooter”. Attendees were given insight into the realities of an active shooter event. The presenters reminded us that active shooter events can happen anywhere: home, school, movie theaters, malls and even outdoors. We need to be prepared to respond. Sgt. Bernhardt recommended mentally scripting responses to scenarios. Look around a room and find the exits, think of how to barricade or tie off a door if you are unable to lock it. Preparing mentally decreases the chances of delayed response in an emergency. The tenets of ALERTT are AVOID, DENY and DEFEND. Avoid describes some ways to get away or to avoid the situation in the first place. If you are unable to avoid the shooter, deny them access by steps such as locking them out or barricading doors. Defend is the last and final step and is used when the other actions are not possible or have been breached. In this case, you defend yourself and others using any means possible. It is important to think out your options prior to getting into any situation.

In order to get more information about this training or to discuss our department’s emergency preparedness services contact Mike Sellet, msellet@pnwboces.org or Carol Sneyd, csneyd@pnwboces.org
DEFUSING & MANAGING PROBLEM STUDENTS AND CONFRONTATIONAL PARENTS: SCHOOL & POLICE TACTICS THAT WORK

On March 19, 2015, our department, in conjunction with NYSIR, will be hosting a seminar entitled, “Defusing and Managing Problem Students and Confrontational Parents: School and Police Tactics that Work” by Dr. John More. This three-hour seminar will be packed with information covering topics such as: non-custodial parents, violent students, and confrontational parents, and police interactions with the school. The focus of this seminar is to provide attendees with the tools and knowledge on how to communicate and handle a violent student and their confrontational parent in the most effective and legal manner.

Dr. John L. More is President and CEO of Response Law, LLC, and is a recognized expert in school and public agency law and serves as a consult and negotiator to numerous school districts, police departments, public agencies, and risk management insurance funds. from Response Law Website.


Dates to Remember:

March 4, 2015 - Effectively Managing Crisis Situations - Because Crises Never Ask if You Have a Minute!  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm School Services Building  

March 12, 2015 - Regional Safety Committee Meeting,  
10 am -12 pm.

March 27, 2015 – School Safety II - Presentation and Panel Discussion with Law Enforcement Officials, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  Projects Building – limited seating.

Register by contacting Debbie Lividini by March 20, 2015 dlividini@pnwboces.org or 914-248-2450.

For Your Information:

There were 102 cases of Measles in the US in January. The CDC website addressing measles can be accessed using the following link: http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html