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Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Drill

Broome County COAD hosted the County's first ever Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) drill on Saturday, September 26th at the Family Enrichment Network. With the help of over 60 volunteers, the participants successfully set up and tested a mock VRC. The intention of a VRC is to screen volunteers during disaster using a FEMA-approved process to register, process, and place volunteers with appropriate volunteer opportunities. [Learn more here.](#)



Highlights from Disaster Preparedness Month

Broome County has survived yet another September without flooding, but that doesn't mean we aren't still working to prepare for future disasters. Here are some activities that took place in Broome County as part of National Preparedness Month.



Broome County's Preparedness Month Press Conference

Broome County officials held a press conference on September 2 to make the public aware of National Preparedness Month. View clips of the press conference [here](#) and [here](#).



Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign

The American Red Cross continues to install free smoke alarms as part of an initiative to reduce deaths and injuries caused by home fires by 25% in five years. Join the campaign as a volunteer by contacting the local Southern Tier Red Cross chapter at (607) 785-7207.



Citizen Preparedness Corps Trainings

The Southern Tier Red Cross continues to provide free Citizen Preparedness Corps trainings in Broome County and across the Southern Tier. To schedule a training for your group or organization, call the Southern Tier chapter at (607) 785-7207.



Lourdes Emergency Awareness Fair

Lourdes First Receivers Team and the Emergency Preparedness Department held an Emergency Awareness Fair on Monday September 28th. The event provided education to employees on information they need to prepare their families, neighborhoods, and community for a variety of emergency situations.

Did we miss a preparedness event from September? **Let us know!**

TRAINING & EXERCISES

Upcoming Trainings

Conference on Veteran Students | October 28 & 29, 2015

Vestal, NY

- The 2015 New York State Advisory Council on Military Education will hold its annual training and workshop symposium on October 28th and 29th at Binghamton University. Registration is free and can be completed [here](#). Lunch and refreshments are included on each day. The symposium will feature a range of speakers including Major General Anthony German,

Commander of the New York Air National Guard and Michelle Spires of the American Council on Education. Additional information can be found [here](#).

FEMA Volunteer & Donations Management Trainings | October 28-30, 2015

Rochester, NY

- Did you miss the FEMA Volunteer & Donations Management trainings held in Binghamton last March? They are being offered again this October in Rochester. Click below to view the course announcements.
- **G288: Local Volunteer & Donations, October 28-29**
- **G489: Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disaster, October 30**

Winter Weather Hazards | Monday, November 9, 2015

Vestal, NY

- This free, 8 hour course will provide the latest knowledge in winter weather science, forecasting, warning, and preparedness. Click [here](#) for the course announcement.

Submit upcoming trainings and events [here](#).

Broome County COAD Events Calendar



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