

Subscribe

Share ▼

Past Issues

Translate

February news from Broome County COAD

[View this email in your browser](#)



## BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

### In this Issue

- [FEMA Training on Volunteers & Donations](#)
- [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) Course](#)
- [Free Smoke Alarm Program through Red Cross](#)

### Website Refresh

We've refreshed our website! Did you notice? Check out our new look at [bccoad.org](http://bccoad.org)

### Keep Up With Us

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)

## March 11-13: FEMA Volunteer & Donations Trainings

We're excited to be partnering with FEMA to bring two special trainings to Binghamton on volunteer and donation management.



- On Wednesday, March 11, the course *Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disaster* will held at the Broome County Public Library.
- From March 12-13, the course *Local Volunteer and Donations Management* will be held at the Broome County Public Safety Facility.

Both courses are free, and breakfast and lunch will be provided by Broome County COAD. **Registration closes on March 6.**

## Community Emergency Response Team

## (CERT) Course



The Broome County Community Emergency Response Team (BC CERT) is now taking registrations for its next Basic Training Course. The course provides FREE fundamental Disaster Preparedness skills to area residents. Participants learn how to help save and sustain lives following a disaster while they wait for help to arrive, and the skills taught also apply to everyday emergencies. The course is taught over 7 weeks, beginning March 18. For more information, [click](#)

[here to see the flyer](#). To register, visit <http://gobroomecounty.com/cert/training>

### Did you know?

Binghamton University's Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) has been partnering with the Broome County CERT for the past two years to recruit and train undergraduate students as team members. Nine undergraduate students are currently (or soon to be) full members of the County team, through funding from BU's Division of Student Affairs and a Stephen David Ross Campus and Community Project Fund grant. Next year three additional students will be recruited and every year thereafter more students will be recruited and trained to maintain a full complement of twelve student members. The students are having such positive experiences--thanks to Dick Doge, Michelle Feyerabend, and Michael Ponticiello!



For more: <http://www.binghamton.edu/cce/cert.html>

## Free Smoke Alarm Program through Red Cross



**Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just *two minutes to escape*?** The Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross has begun a Home Fire Preparedness Campaign that will install **free** smoke alarms and provide education to residents in Broome County. The local Red Cross chapter is looking for referrals to individuals in need of smoke alarms, as well as volunteers who are interested in being trained to install smoke alarms. For more information, please contact Jill Deskins at [jill.deskins@redcross.org](mailto:jill.deskins@redcross.org) or (607) 795-7207.

## CALENDAR

### **Planning Kickoff meeting for COAD September Disaster Exercise**

March 5 @ 12:00 am - 1:00 pm | Broome County Council of Churches

- We are planning our 2nd annual disaster exercise for September 2015, and are looking for people to join the planning committee. If you are a COAD member or a former exercise participant, we invite you to join our exercise planning committee which will meet regularly from March through September to plan this year's event. RSVP to [sdubord@bccoad.org](mailto:sdubord@bccoad.org).

### **FEMA Training: Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disaster**

March 11 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Broome County Public Library

### **FEMA Training: Local Volunteer and Donations Management**

March 12 @ 9:00 am - March 13 @ 1:00 pm | Broome County Public Safety Facility, Classroom #1

### **April Board Meeting**

April 8 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | United way of Broome County

### **May Membership Meeting**

May 14 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | WSKG

***This eNewsletter was made possible with support from the Harriet Ford Dickenson Fund of the Community Foundation for South Central New York.***

*Copyright © 2015 Broome County COAD, All rights reserved.*

[unsubscribe from this list](#)   [update subscription preferences](#)

