

May News from Broome County COAD

[View this email in your browser](#)



# BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER




## Trainings & Exercises

- [Decker School of Nursing Annual Drill](#)
- [Preparedness 101](#)

## Resources

- [Moms Who Prepare](#)
- [Are you a COAD member?](#)

## Keep Up With Us

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

# TRAINING & EXERCISES

## Decker School of Nursing Disaster Drill

On Wednesday, May 6, Broome County COAD is partnering with Binghamton University's Decker School of Nursing on its Annual Disaster Drill. With the help of students in the Decker School, Broome County COAD will be setting up a Volunteer Reception Center in response to the disaster scenario and will exercise the process of registering and coordinating spontaneous volunteers. The drill will be held on Wednesday, May 6 from 7am-1pm at the Binghamton University Events Center. Volunteers are needed to act as "spontaneous volunteers" at the Volunteer Reception Center from 9-11am. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact [sdubord@bccoad.org](mailto:sdubord@bccoad.org) no later than May 5th.



[www.bccoad.org](http://www.bccoad.org)

## Who are Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers?

They're those people who volunteer in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, and are not currently attached to any recognized voluntary relief organization.

They bring a wide range of skills, and may be from affected area, or outside the area.



## Preparedness 101

If an emergency or disaster occurred today, how prepared are you and your family? If you are feeling a little fuzzy in this area, then check out this great **training video from the American Red Cross**. The video walks you through the steps to build a disaster kit, make a disaster plan, and stay informed before, during, and after a disaster strikes. There is even a calculator to help you figure out the right amount of emergency supplies you will need for your family!

For more disaster preparedness information, **follow Broome County COAD**

**on Facebook**, where we post tips and resources to help you be better prepared.

## RESOURCES

### Moms Who Prepare

In honor of Mother's Day (May 10th--don't forget!), check out these inspiring moms who are dedicated to disaster preparedness:

**Shelle Wells** is a preparedness enthusiast and blogger who is passionate about spreading the disaster preparedness message. She lives in the Pacific Northwest and started her blog in 2012 during National Preparedness Month which takes place every September. Shelle works to "take the scared out of being prepared" by offering readers easy-to-do preparedness skills on her website three times a week. Follow Shelle on Twitter at **@PreparednessMa**.



**Erica Mueller** is the owner of the **Mom Prepares** website. In addition, she is a part-time web developer who has a love for all things information technology. Erica is a huge fan of cloud computing, especially when it comes to backing up important documents, files, and photos. Follow Erica on Twitter at **@MomPrepares**.

**Tanya Ferraro** is no stranger to disaster preparedness. She is the Training and Exercise Coordinator for the Fairfax County Health Department. In addition, she coordinated three Medical Reserve Corps units from southwest to central Virginia. She is a member of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and a champion of the Virtual Operations Support Team (VOST) model in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Tanya is passionate about educating, motivating, and training others to care about their own preparedness. Follow Tanya on Twitter at **@tjlasagna**.

## Are you a COAD member?

Broome County COAD is a membership organization. If you're not yet an official COAD member, please join today! You may choose from two types of membership: Full or Affiliate, depending on you or your organization's level of participation. **Read more about membership here.** Our members meet quarterly in February, May, August, and November, and have access to our lending library of over 50 books and materials on disaster preparedness. Check out our **current list of members** and **click here for our online application.**

Become a member today  
and stay in the loop with all  
things disaster-related in  
Broome County



Visit  
[bccoad.org/join](http://bccoad.org/join)  
for more info



**BCCOAD**  
[www.bccoad.org](http://www.bccoad.org)

# CALENDAR

Check our website for upcoming meetings and events! <http://bccoad.org/events/month/>

***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](#)

