

Citizen Corps Council Successes – Tapping Your Community’s Resources

February 8, 2011

New Lenox, IL Citizen Corps Council

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New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition

MISSION STATEMENT

“Through a collaborative process, the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition will improve the health, safety and quality of life for residents and visitors through injury analysis and the implementation of programs designed to increase safety and prevent injuries.”



New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition

- ❑ The 1st meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition was held in January 2009.
- ❑ The coalition is comprised of individuals that represent over 20 community organizations.
- ❑ Inventory of community safety-related programs and collection / analysis of injury data was conducted.
- ❑ Completion and submission of application.
- ❑ On-Site Assessment.
- ❑ Designation as a “Safe Community” on June 8, 2010. The 9th community in the United States to achieve this designation.



New Lenox Citizen Corps Council

- ▣ The New Lenox Citizen Corps Council held its 1st meeting in June 2009.
- ▣ Citizen Corps Council Members are also members of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition.
- ▣ In the interest of efficiency *and* because the missions of each of the groups compliment each other, monthly meetings are now combined.
- ▣ *“The mission of the New Lenox Citizen Corps Council is to promote safety and emergency preparedness within the community by encouraging citizens to take personal responsibility to be prepared; seek training in first aid and emergency skills; and to participate in volunteer activities that support the community.”*



The New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team



- “Recognizing that first responders may not be available or will be delayed, trained members of the New Lenox CERT will provide assistance to their families, neighbors and community in the aftermath of a disaster or major emergency. CERT members will assist with a response that utilizes efficiency, professionalism, and regard for human life, ensuring that all citizens are treated with compassion and dignity.”
- The CERT Program is managed through the New Lenox Police Department with guidance from our Citizen Corps Council.
- 140 residents have been trained since the inception of the program in September 2009.
- Three additional classes are planned for 2011.



The New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team

PRAIRIE STATE CERT
CHALLENGE
JUNE 26, 2010



CERT COMMITTEES

- ▣ Public Information
- ▣ Emergency Preparedness
- ▣ Community Service/Volunteerism
- ▣ Shelter Management
- ▣ Functional Needs
- ▣ Training
- ▣ Communications

Examples of New Programs and Initiatives

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

- “The mission of the New Lenox MRC is to provide assistance to first responders and health care professionals by helping the community prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, disasters and pressing public health needs by providing a group of trained volunteer professionals who supplement and assist local medical emergency response systems.”



SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

- Development of a comprehensive web site for information and resources.
- Public Education to Increase Awareness
- Community Events to Increase Awareness



Examples of New Programs and Initiatives (continued)

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS (65+ AND AT RISK POPULATIONS)

- Public Education and Awareness
- Home Hazard Analysis
- Tai Chi Classes for strength and balance

RESOLVE TO BE READY IN 2011

I resolve to be Ready in 2011...

I pledge to take the following steps to ensure that my family and I are prepared for emergencies in 2011.

- ✓ Make a family emergency plan.
- ✓ Get an emergency supply kit.
- ✓ Be informed about different types of emergencies that could occur in our area and their appropriate responses.

**Don't Drop The Ball,
Resolve to
be Ready
in 2011!**

To learn how you can prepare for emergencies visit ready.gov
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TTY: 1(800)462-7585

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THANK YOU

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