



American Red Cross Offers Free Citizen Preparedness Corps Training

In partnership with New York State, the American Red Cross is offering free Citizen Preparedness Corps training sessions titled **Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to do When Disaster Strikes.**

WHO: This training session is open to the public.

WHAT: A trained representative from the American Red Cross will conduct a session of Governor Andrew Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program. The program lasts approximately one hour, and gives a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters, and how to respond to and recover from them.

WHEN: Friday February 27th at 7pm

WHERE: Bristol Fire Department

BACKGROUND: The American Red Cross has a mission of making sure our communities are ready and prepared for disasters. Governor Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program provides residents with the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Since New York is at high risk for man-made, technological and natural disasters, the American Red Cross is presenting the Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program throughout New York State encouraging people to be better prepared.

For more information about this training session, contact Devon Woodward, Western New York and Finger Lakes Area, Disaster Services at **585-241-4486** or at devon.woodward@redcross.org.

For more emergency preparedness information visit <http://www.redcross.org/prepare> and www.nysprepare.gov.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org.