

SROs, Youth Aid Officers, School Administrations, and Educators-

First, thank you for your participation in this program and assisting in making it a great success. Disasters can strike quickly and without warning. They can force you and your family to be confined to or evacuated from your home. Families should prepare for disasters in advance. The goal of the partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), Delaware Public Health, Red Cross, Citizens Corp, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Delaware State Police is to educate middle school and high school students in how to prepare for a disaster.

This letter is to forward several pieces of information to be utilized for the Disaster Preparedness Awareness Launch. **The news conference will be held on September 23rd at Caesar Rodney High School at 1230 hours to kick-off the program. Light refreshments will be served at 1200 hours.** Attending the event will be Secretary of Homeland- Security David Mitchell, Secretary of Education- Secretary Valerie Woodruff, DEMA Deputy Director Glenn Gillespie, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald- Superintendent of Caesar Rodney School District, Caesar Rodney High School Principal Elvina Knight and Delaware State Police Superintendent- Colonel Thomas Mac Leish. School Resource and Youth Aid Officers from school districts statewide will also be in attendance.

Packet Includes-

Program introduction / responsibilities letter

Disaster Preparedness DVD

Discussion Guide- This will assist educators in leading discussion with students and staff

Responsibilities of-

SROs and Youth Aid Officers-

- Explain the Disaster Preparedness program to respective school administrations prior to September 23
- Turn over the packet of information (including DVD, discussion guide and a copy of this letter) to school administrations after the news conference
- Forward the email with electronic discussion form, internet links, and Disaster Preparedness video to school principal and staff
- Ensure that the internet link to the Disaster Preparedness video is placed on the school's website (<http://www.delawarecitizencorps.org/videos>)

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School Administrations-

- Take packet and turn over to an educator who will use the program in their classroom
- Have the internet link to the Disaster Preparedness video placed on the school website
- Forward informational links to staff so that they too can prepare themselves and their families (we cannot take care of others, if we have not taken care of ourselves)
- Feel free to use this video and information in several classroom and at teacher in-services

Educators-

- Prior to using the video in class, view and decide whether you desire to show to the video in its entirety or in sections
- Prior to showing the video to the class, review and discuss the key points including; a family plan, disaster kit, sheltering in place, and evacuation with students (These are described for clarity on the discussion guide)
- After viewing each section lead discussion on what the students can do to prepare themselves and their families. Ask for participation. Ask what kind of special needs they or their families might have; for example, if they have pets, younger siblings, and/or elderly individuals living with them

This attachment is the Disaster Preparedness electronic Discussion Form-



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This link leads to the Disaster Preparedness Video. (This is the link to be loaded to all School's websites.)

<http://www.delawarecitizencorps.org/videos>

This link leads to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency's website which has a voluminous amount of resources.

http://dema.delaware.gov/services/disaster_prep.shtml

In the event that you have questions please feel free to contact-

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