

# HSEM UPDATE

## Happy New Year

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## LAST CALL

**If you are interested in being a Safety Town instructor  
contact HSEM as soon as possible.**

Our kick off and instruct the instructors is February 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 11:00am at  
Landmark Academy, 4864 Lapeer Rd., Kimball, MI

Instructors will be teaching children about: Home Safety, Law Enforcement and Safety, Fire Safety,  
Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, and School Bus Safety

If you are interested call Pam (810)989-6387 or email: [pbaunoch@stclaircounty.org](mailto:pbaunoch@stclaircounty.org)



**We are also recruiting Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Graders  
to help with Safety Town**

We are looking for 10 Kindergarten/First Grade students to help the Youth Readiness Council pilot their Safety Town program. The pilot program will be February 4, 2017 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am in Landmark Academy's high school building, 4800 Lapeer Road, Kimball, MI, 48074. Safety Town provides a hands-on learning environment that includes crosswalks, traffic lights, and even railroad crossings. The kids can drive pedal go karts and also learn about pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, fire safety and emergency preparedness. We need 10 kids for this pilot and you can register by calling 810-989-6385.

### THIS WEEK'S EBW.TV LINKS

[http://www.ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=51980&aid=10&cid=12&d=Overdose\\_Dilemm](http://www.ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=51980&aid=10&cid=12&d=Overdose_Dilemm)

Karyn Belanger, Paramedic talks about the Overdose Dilemma in the County

[http://www.ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=51981&aid=12&cid=12&d=Distracted\\_Driv](http://www.ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=51981&aid=12&cid=12&d=Distracted_Driv)

Deputy Russ Nowiski, talks about Distracted Driving



## WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

The St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in conjunction with the National Weather Service will be conducting a Beginning and Advanced Weather Spotter Training Class on **March 20, 2017 from 7-9:00** p.m. at the *St. Clair County Administration Building in the Don Dodge Auditorium at 200 Grand River, Port Huron. ***There is no cost to attend.****

Participants will learn techniques for identifying storms, reporting, measuring rain, hail, and impacts of storms. Also discussed will be reporting events not associated with Thunderstorms such as high winds, dense fog, and flooding.

This course is mandatory to be an active member of the Weather Spotter Program in St. Clair County. ***All members of the community are also welcome to attend.***

**Please RSVP to Julie Wallace at Emergency Management 810-989-6965**



## *SCC Ready Corps/Points of Light*

It's hard to tell when emergency will strike, but when it does preparedness may be the key to how much impact that event will have on your life. It's true that we can't fully prepare for everything that may or may not happen on a given day, but there are events we can anticipate, and that means we can prepare for them. Ready Corps members are on site and ready to offer training in emergency preparedness. This training is being offered so that not just you and your family can be safer during emergency, but your surrounding community as well. After all, being safe doesn't solely impact you and your family, but ripples out to impact your surrounding community as well.

It is the goal of the Ready Corps members to make 2017 a year of improved safety and preparedness within the area. It is our desire to help out existing Ready Communities while at the same time helping create new ones. We are looking for volunteers to work with us to make our community prepared and ready for most disasters.

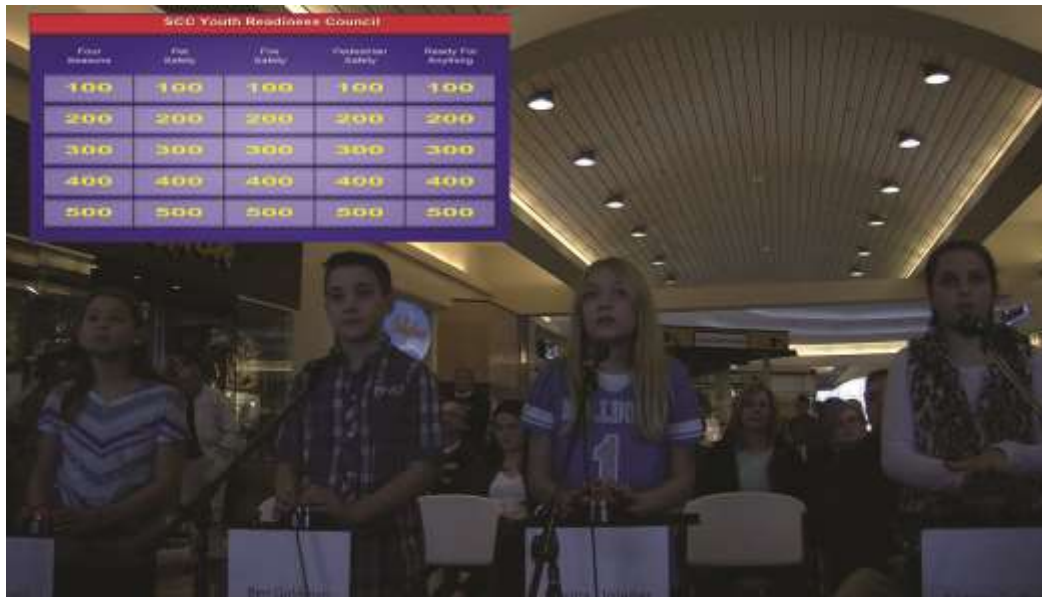
There are opportunities to volunteer your time to help make St. Clair County safer, more prepared, and resilient in case of an emergency or disaster. The first major event is AmeriCorps Week which runs from March 5-12, 2017. We would like to have at least one event per day for this week. We will be doing presentations to children and adults. In February we will be collaborating with the St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council on Safety Town which is a fun activity for kindergartners and first graders.

April 30th and Sept 30th are designated as Days of Action. April 16-22, 2017 is Severe Weather Awareness Week and Earth Day falls on 4/22. April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week so you can see there is lots of opportunity to volunteer. Stay tuned for more information on Volunteer training..

You can also check out the preparedness trainings and see Ready Corps events on Twitter or Facebook. If you have any suggestions on programs or venues, or would like a presentation please contact Danielle or Teri at the Homeland Security and Emergency Management office at 810-989-6965.

# YOUTH READINESS COUNCIL SETS 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE SURVIVAL RIVAL CHALLENGE DATES

The Survival Rival Challenge was started by the St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council in 2015 as a learning competition for 5th graders. Survival Rival is a Jeopardy © style game where students compete on various topics involving preparedness and safety. There will be 6 preliminary rounds though out the County. The winners of each of these rounds (plus the overall three highest second place players) will advance to the semi-finals. The three winners from the semi-finals will then move to the finals at the Birchwood Mall to compete for prizes. There is no cost for a student to participate but they must be in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is on a first come basis!!!!



Jessica Upleger (blue Bulldogs shirt) - last year's Survival Rival Challenge winner!

## Preliminary Rounds (9am-11am)

February 11	Memphis (location TBD)
February 18	Fort Gratiot Fire Department
February 25	Clay Township Hall
March 4	Yale/Brockway Fire Department
March 11	Marine City Fire Department
March 18	Kimball Township Hall

The semifinals and finals dates and locations will be announced shortly

**TO REGISTER:** Form is on the YRC webpage <http://yrc586.wixsite.com/youth-center/survival-rival>  
or email [yrc@stclaircounty.org](mailto:yrc@stclaircounty.org) (include name, contact number and school attending)

# Here is your preparedness Do1Thing for January:

## January: Make a Plan

Understand what puts you at risk from disasters and take steps to lower your risk.

### Tasks:

#### [Plan what to do if you have to evacuate.](#)

Choose two places for your family to meet. One should be right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire.

#### [Take steps now to prevent damage to your home in a disaster.](#)

Once you know what disasters could happen in your community, there are things you can do to lower your risk of injury or property damage.

#### [Learn what disasters can happen in your area and decide what you will do in a disaster.](#)

Knowing what disasters could happen can help you know how to be prepared and what to do. Contact your local emergency management office to learn more about the disasters in your area.

Or visit our website at: [www.bereadystclaircounty.org](http://www.bereadystclaircounty.org)

