TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Are you having trouble getting 100% training compliance with your staff?

We are going to try something new for Regional Safety Services. Starting October 25, we will be offering several safety training sessions here on our Fox Meadow Campus. This is a great opportunity to provide training to the staff who may have missed your scheduled training this year. The training has a minimum class size of 10 and a maximum of 20.

The first session is Blood Borne Pathogens, Right to Know and AHERA.

The training is open, free of charge, to districts participating in CoSER 698.

CHEMICAL STORAGE IN SCHOOL

Under New York State Education Law, 305(19) Chapter 627 of the Laws of 1989, the Commissioner is authorized and directed to require all elementary and secondary schools to store all chemicals present in their facilities in locked and secure storage rooms and cabinets.

Schools are also required to have a chemical inventory of any hazardous chemicals on site. This inventory must be updated annually.

As curriculum requirements change, the chemicals required to perform laboratory experiments change as well. It is prudent to order only enough materials for one to two school years. Any chemicals that are outdated or no longer used should be removed from the school by a professional chemical management company.

Our department has provided support and guidance to our districts in managing their chemical storage, inventory and disposal. Please contact Carol Sneyd at 914-248-3854 or csneyd@pnwboces.org for more information.
SAFETY SUMMIT – THREAT ASSESSMENT SEMINAR

Carol Sneyd, Regional Safety Technician

On October 6, 2016, Regional Safety Services provided an opportunity for members from some of our participating districts to participate in an initial threat assessment seminar. The program was well attended. New York State Trooper Kristi Wilson, Community Outreach Coordinator from NYS Troopers, Troop K, gave an overview of threat assessment from the police perspective. She reminded the participants that if they think that something may be a criminal activity, they should err on the side of caution and call the police. It can muddy the waters if a district investigates an incident without police presence. She also emphasized the idea that schools should partner with the troopers, sheriffs and their local law enforcement agencies in order to keep schools safe.

Trooper Wilson was followed by Dr. Amanda Nickerson, an accomplished author and expert in the development of threat assessment teams. Dr. Nickerson discussed threat assessment focusing mainly on mental health issues such as suicide.

For more information on developing and training your own school threat assessment teams, contact Mike Sellet, Regional Safety Coordinator, at 914-248-2457 or msellet@pnwboces.org.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY SUPPLIES IN CASE OF DISASTER SUCH AS A HURRICANE

From the Red Cross Webpage

With the recent hurricane scare from Matthew, the Red Cross and other relief agencies have guidance on emergency supplies to have on hand. The Red Cross says that every household should have the items below to prepare for a disaster.

**Water**—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day

**Food**—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food

**Flashlight(s)**

**Battery-powered or hand-crank radio** - NOAA Weather Radio, if possible

**Extra batteries**

**First aid kit**

**Medications** (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.)

**Multi-purpose tool**

**Sanitation and personal hygiene items**- if you have a well, you may not have running water for toileting.
Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)

Cell phone with chargers (fully charged)

Family and emergency contact information

Extra cash

Emergency blanket

Map(s) of the area

Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)

Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, and bowl)

Tools and Supplies for securing your home

Extra set of car keys and house keys

Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes

Rain gear

Insect repellent and sunscreen

Camera for photos of damage

**EMERGENCY PLAN DUE DATES**

**September 1** – The date by which the Board of Education must adopt or amend the districtwide school safety plans and the building level emergency response plans, which were delayed from JULY 1 to SEPTEMBER 1 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

**October 15** – The date by which the building level emergency response plans must be submitted to the NYS Police is still within 30 days of adoption and no later than October 15.

*If you will not be able to submit the plans using the new template by Oct 15, please submit what you have with an e-mail indicating that you are working on the template and a date that you expect to complete the documents.*

**October 2016** – Each district must post their Districtwide School Safety Plan on their website and submit the web address/URL to the State as part of the Basic Educational Data System (BEDS).

**September 15** – The date by which staff must receive annual school safety and school violence prevention training. This training must include elements about mental health.

**Fall 2016** - Building Level Emergency Response Plans may be submitted to the state police through the State Education Department Business Portal. **Fall 2017** building level emergency response plans must be submitted to the state police through the State Education Department Business Portal.