October Is Fire Safety Month

As part of your district’s commitment to fire safety, consider having a representative from our department perform an informal fire inspection of your buildings. An inspection can help your district by alerting you to fire hazards and educating you on hazards you might not know existed. Consider the following:

No more than 50 percent of any wall in a classroom may be covered in flammable materials, including paper. No more than 20 percent of hallways may be covered in flammable materials, and those materials must be flat against the walls.

The inspection can also help determine if your building has a buildup of hazardous materials that may become flammable.

To set up an inspection, by Ed Braddick of Facilities Inspection Services, LLC, contact us.

Regional Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017

Why wait for an emergency to test out your emergency system? That was the idea behind September’s Regional Safety Committee Meeting, where Frank Guglieri and Carol Sneyd presented
Fred S. Lane
Speaker and expert on the impact of emerging technologies on society, with an emphasis on privacy and cybertraps
Fred Lane Cybertraps

Hang Up And Drive
Powerful program about the dangers of distracted driving
Hang Up and Drive Brochure

Louis Berger U.S., Inc.
Industrial hygiene/IAQ/environmental testing services
Louis Berger Flyer

Miller Environmental Group, LLC
Environmental and chemical management services
Miller Environmental Brochure

OmniWeather, LLC
Severe weather alerts; either annually or winter storm season
OmniWeather Flyer

Rapid Responder
All hazard emergency preparedness and crisis management system
Call for more information regarding Rapid Responder

If your district has a safety related service that you would like to see offered under CoSER 698.110, please contact us at 914-248-3692.

DID YOU KNOW?

October is

NEXT STEPS
ERT Training Curriculum

Your emergency plans are completed and entered into the portal, and you have your evacuation and lock down drills scheduled. How have you trained your emergency response team members? Does everyone understand ICS and what role they would play in a real event?

Our department's new curriculum can help assist you in this, with our basic 8-session program. The first two sessions focus on Incident Command roles and responsibilities. Each session includes a discussion exercise to help the participants learn the functions of ICS in schools. There are several optional advanced topic sessions that can be presented to seasoned teams at additional training times.

Contact us today at cbraden@pnwboes or 914-248-3692 to request more information or to schedule.

Presenters discussed the benefits of using ICS for non-emergency events, such as football games and school gatherings, allowing school staff and administrators to become more comfortable and proficient at using the system during a non-emergency.

The program also consisted of an overview of the incident command system by Ms. Sneyd, using the ICS flip books developed for our districts. Following the presentation, Mr. Guglieri and Trooper Wilson spoke with participants about using ICS in planning for common events in schools.

A representative from Venuetize LLC was also on hand to discuss how districts can use Rapid Responder to manage both routine and emergency events.

Our department has developed a training curriculum to help your emergency response teams become more familiar with ICS and with emergency response. See the next article for more information.
Check that your smoke detectors have working batteries. Have a plan for getting out of your home in case of fire.

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**Zoom In On CoSER 698**

In this month’s segment we will highlight safety training services offered by the Regional Safety Services CoSER 698.

As part of your Level 1 or base service we can provide 1 session of each of the topics below and the Mandated Compliance Video.

- AHERA Awareness
- Back Safety/Safe Lifting Techniques
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Confined Space Awareness
- Ladder Safety
- Lock Out/Tag Out
- Right to Know including GHS
- Sexual Harassment/Workplace Harassment
- Slips, Trips, Falls

Additional topics and additional sessions are available. Please contact us for more details. cbraden@pnwboces.org or 914-248-3692.

Districts that participate in the CoSER may receive as many copies of this newsletter as needed.

A complete description of all of our services may be found in our [Services Guide](#).

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**Chemical Hygiene Officer Training**

Join us as we spend two half days discussing the role and responsibilities of the chemical hygiene officer. The program will include an overview of the regulations regarding chemicals in schools, chemical management, inventory options and tips and tricks for improving compliance. We will have guest speakers to discuss waste management and what to expect from a visit from the NYSDEC. Register using [My Learning Plan](#) or call Cynthia Braden 914-248-3692.

Open to teachers, administrators and others who find themselves with the Fall Safety Information for you and your family from the [Centers for Disease Control](#).
responsibilities of managing chemicals in their schools. $50 per person from districts who do not participate in PNW BOCES CoSER 698.

**November 9  8:30 am to 12 noon**
**AND**
**November 16  12:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

PNW BOCES, Yorktown Heights Campus,
School Services Building