

Brookhaven Town to Host New York State Citizen Preparedness Training Program on October 1

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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced that the Town of Brookhaven will host the New York State Citizen Preparedness Program on Wednesday, October 1 from 5 - 7 pm. The event, which will be held in the second floor auditorium at Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill in Farmingville, is sponsored by Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator John Flanagan, Assemblyman Ed Hennessey and Supervisor Romaine.

Following Hurricane Irene and Super Storm Sandy, Governor Cuomo developed a team of experts, to include New York State Army and Air National Guard members, the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES), the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC). The emergency preparedness program, Citizen Preparedness Training (CPT) Corps, was designed to teach residents how to prepare, respond, and recover from disasters.

During the event, members of the NY National Guard will give a presentation that provides an introduction to responding to a disaster - manmade, natural or technological - covering the main tasks that need to be done in order to prepare, respond and recover. At the conclusion, a question and answer forum will take place. A team of experts from DHSES, OEM and OFPC will be present to answer any questions or concerns from the audience.

Supervisor Romaine said, "I thank the Governor for the opportunity to host this very important event. We are right in the middle of hurricane season and our residents need to be prepared. If Super Storm Sandy and Hurricane Irene taught us anything, it was that Long Island is extremely vulnerable and a lack of preparedness could mean disaster when the next storm hits. I encourage all residents to participate."

"Severe weather events are becoming more frequent and extreme and to make sure that our communities are safe, we need more New Yorkers than ever to be prepared and trained to respond," said Governor Cuomo. "The Citizen Preparedness Training Program will train citizens to help provide crucial and critical assistance in their own homes or in their own communities whenever disaster strikes."

Senator Flanagan said, "By bringing this seminar directly to our community, the Town of Brookhaven and the State are helping those who attend this event to help themselves and their families in an emergency. They are also empowering these residents with the ability to assist their fellow Long Islanders in times of crisis, which will benefit our entire region. It is my hope that all who is able to participate in this training will do so and will share what they learn with their friends and neighbors."

Assemblyman Edward Hennessey said, "Every town resident should participate in this program, especially those of us who live in the most vulnerable areas of the South Shore. I am grateful to Governor Cuomo for bringing this event to our area and to Supervisor Romaine for opening town hall to host it. There is much we all can do to be prepared for the next storm, and this is the forum to learn how."

This event is free and open to all residents. Advance register is required. For more information and to register online, go to www.prepare.ny.gov/ .

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