Welcome 2018!

Now that most of you have abandoned your New Year’s Resolutions, here is something to think about. The National Weather Service is forecasting wind chills to cause temperatures to fall below zero at times. Exposure to these temperatures could potentially cause frostbite and hypothermia, as well as create hazardous driving conditions. So make sure you are prepared. Have a vehicle emergency kit in your vehicle just in case. This kit should include:

- Jumper cables, flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
- Blanket
- Gloves or mittens
- Hand warmers

Citizens Academy and the Community Emergency Ready Team

We are in the process of recruiting for our Citizens Academies. If you are interested in being part of a (or all) Fire/EMS Academy, Law Enforcement Academy, or an Emergency Management Academy call 810-989-6965 or email emergencymanagement1@stclaircounty.org

These Academies’ will give participants 1st hand knowledge of the group they have chosen, taught by responders from the field.

At the end of the training participants can choose to be a volunteer on a Community Emergency Ready Team, where they may be deployed to different areas in the County to perform the skills they learned in the Academy. We hope to start the trainings in late February and March.
These trainings are listed below with the course number. All are free of charge. Sign up ASAP.

Understanding and Planning for School Bombing Incidents  2/22/18  8am – noon (search 1052736)
Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings  2/23/18  8am – noon (search 1062216)
Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response  2/24/18  8am – 4pm (search 1058407)

If you have a MI-Train Account go to the website at mi.train.org and register. If you don’t have a MI Train account or have questions contact Nikki Falk 810-989-6329 or nfalk@stclaircounty.org
ReadyCorps/Points of Light partner with Port Huron Fire presenting their Hazard House

Our Points of Light member Teri Wilmoth brought Port Huron Firefighters with their Hazard House to present at the Port Huron YMCA to a group of children participating in a winter camp activity. The students had many great questions and learned a lot of good information.

Escape Room (tent) at Chilly Fest – Port Huron January 27th

Our AmeriCorps/Points of Light member will be at the Chilly Fest event in Port Huron on Saturday January 27th with the Escape Room (tent). It will be inside McMorran, so come out and see if you can escape the room.

Do1Thing in January: Make a Plan

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

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 American Red Cross or emergency management office to learn more about the disasters in your area.
Youth Readiness Project

The Youth Readiness Council recently took part in a service project to provide comfort kits to children who are displaced from their homes. The comfort kits were provided to St. Clair County Health and Human services to be distributed to children displaced from their homes who come into their care. Many times these children are at Human Service with only the clothes they were wearing and have nothing to occupy their time. It is hoped that these kits provide some small level of comfort to children who are facing what may be a very traumatic time in their young lives.

The kits consisted of a blanket, coloring book, crayons, stuffed animals, writing journals and many other small items. These items are the child’s to keep and can provide something to do other than worry about what just happened, or what is going to happen.

The St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council is a group of youths from 8-12 grades, who volunteer their time to make our community better prepared a better place to live, work and play.

If you would like more information on the St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council please go to www.YouthReadinessCouncil.Org.

Homeland Security Emergency Management Advisory Council meets Feb. 8th, 9:00am at the EOC

Or visit our website at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org