



Emergency Management Division Informational Letter

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Subject: Michigan State University Extension – November Training
Attention: Local, District and State Emergency Management Coordinators

The following information is being provided to emergency management coordinators on behalf of Michigan State University Extension.

A cross-program training on Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) roles in emergency management and Homeland Security will be offered in November in each MSUE region for Extension field staff and local emergency management coordinators.

Disasters, whether a natural disaster such as flooding or a tornado, or a terrorist act, happen in communities. This means that as a county department, Extension may be called on to assist with technical information, communicating with specific audiences, or assisting in other ways. Here are just a few examples of how MSUE has been or might be involved – there are many more:

FSC: Food safety and security, family issues such as stress and trauma, talking with youth about terrorism, housing and sanitation/repairs, family budgeting due to financial losses or job losses, small business recovery.

AG: Agrisecurity preparedness/response, crop failure/replanting (frost) or crop salvage (early frost, wind damage), financial survival due to crop/livestock loss/damage, animal or plant biosecurity, technical assistance and recommendations, landscaping and renovation, pest identification and control, USDA County Emergency Boards, LEPCs.

NR/CD: Land use planning and hazard mitigation, local official education, environmental impacts (chemical, radiological), drinking water quality, group facilitation, small business recovery, re-forestation (wildfire) or forest renovation (straight-line winds), economic development (tourism impacts).

4-H: Volunteerism during disaster aftermath, youth coping skills, caring for dogs, horses, companion animals at shelters, assisting community clean-up, community group facilitation, and youth communications.

This training is offered for any local Extension staff member and more than one person can attend from each county. Local emergency management coordinators are also welcome. If a local emergency manager would like to attend, they should contact their County Extension Director for registration information. **The registration deadline is Friday, October 24, 2003.** There is a \$15 fee to attend this training.

Date	Location	Date	Location
November 4, 2003	Bay City	November 10, 2003	Gaylord
November 6, 2003	Big Rapids	November 11, 2003	Escanaba
November 7, 2003	Kalamazoo	November 12, 2003	Novi

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