Emergency Preparedness Day!

Scouting Boston held it's first Emergency Preparedness Day at New England Base Camp this past Saturday. The Council Preparedness Team has collaborated with FEMA, MEMA, and the University of Akron Emergency Management & Homeland Security College of Health & Human Services over the past three plus years and created a "**One in the Nation**" program for Cub Scouts, Scouts, and older youth in Exploring, Venturing and Sea Scouts.

Workshops were held throughout camp including-

- Ready Cub Leader Training
- Ready Scout Merit Badges - First Aid, Emergency Prep, Public Health and Safety
- CERT / TEEN CERT Training



The Ready Cub program involves Cub Scouts, Cub Packs and their community Public Safety Leaders. The program teaches youth between the ages of 5-11 years what to do before, during and after an emergency or disaster within their family and community. **Ready Cub Leader Training** prepared parents and leaders to teach young children and families how to stay safe during disasters and emergencies through fun, engaging activities. They learned how to lead the Ready Cub program, hold dynamic community events with first responders, deliver in-school preparedness for health and safety presentations and how to use Ready Cub as a powerful recruitment tool. We had 13 new leaders trained!



The **Ready Scout** program is designed for Spirit of Adventure Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts who wish to focus on Emergency Preparedness and learning to help themselves, their families, and their community "Be Prepared" before, during and after emergencies and disasters. Scouts need to complete 6 related preparedness merit badges and complete one emergency preparedness response training in order to complete the program. Scouts are recognized by going above and beyond with a special Ready Scout council patch and certificates of achievement from the Council and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

We had 25 participants take part in the **CERT / TEEN CERT Training**. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) are volunteers who have basic training in first aid, light search and rescue, fire suppression and many other skills to be used before, during and after an emergency or natural disaster. These important skills can be used at home, with neighbors or at the community level as part of an organized community team. They had all completed 12 hours of online training prior to the full in-person day on Saturday. Scouts and Scouters covered training on how to prepare themselves, their families and their communities for a disaster. They covered Stop the Bleed, light search and rescue, fire safety, patient head to toe assessments, basic treatment for injuries and how to apply appropriate life saving techniques. The day concluded with two real life scenario exercises where the newly acquired skills were put to use in a controlled setting.





For more information on how you or you Scout can get involved in any of these programs or for information on our Emergency Preparedness Exploring Posts, please email jennifer.erickson@scouting.org