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Dear Community Partner; September 6, 2022

Thank you for your interest in our new Survivermont Training being offered for organizations and businesses to provide information and skills training for any traumatic hazard such as a severe weather emergency to an active threat incident.

This training is available through a grant with NACCHO, National Association of County and City Health Officials and the Vermont Department of Health in partnership with the Bennington Police Department, our local Medical Reserve Corps Unit of SW Vermont, Bennington Rescue Squad, Southern Vermont Medical Center and Cable Access Television.

Survivermont is a training developed in Vermont which is focused on three main components of preparedness; See Something Say Something; Run, Hide and Fight and Stop the Bleed. These areas of training are found to be helpful in giving people tools and skills for various active threat events.

For us to truly succeed during a public health emergency we need both public and private sector involvement. Your organization’s commitment is critical to public health preparedness and protecting the residents of Vermont.

As a Survivermont applicant, your staff or volunteers will be asked to take the online webinar training either on their own or with fellow staff. Once your organization has taken the online webinar, you are then eligible to request a free Trauma Kit for your location. This kit includes a tourniquet, Stop the Bleed poster, gauze, H-pressure bandage, gloves, and disinfectant wipes. You are also then eligible for an in-person site-specific training with your local Police Department. Not all organizations find the need for the in-person training. Schools and other locations of potential soft targets may want to consider the in-person training as well.

The webinar is a 35-minute video that runs through all three training components from a local training conducted in Bennington County.

Your dedication to preparedness indicates your commitment to our community and the health and welfare of your employees and clients. If you have any questions or would like to pursue this partnership with public health, please feel free to contact me @ 802-447-6401 or by email.

Regards,

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