



February 18, 2016

Contact: Jeff Friedland at: (810) 989-6325
jfriedland@stclaircounty.org

PRESS RELEASE

The St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is pleased to announce that the application period for the Youth Readiness Council is now open through April 22nd. This program is a whole community approach to preparing the youth in St. Clair County. The Council members will serve for a one year period.

The purpose of this Council allows members to complete self-selected youth preparedness projects; to voice their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions, and questions on youth disaster readiness with the leadership of HSEM; and to create the Youth Readiness Summit. Being selected to serve on the Council is an honor but it is also a significant responsibility that requires dedication and time management skills.

Youth Preparedness Council members fill three (3) roles while on the Council:

- Project planners: The cornerstone of Council members' service is the self-selected projects they are required to complete.
- Champions for youth preparedness: Council members spread the word about the importance of youth readiness in their local communities and the County.
- Liaison to HSEM on the youth perspective: The members of the Council have an opportunity to meet with HSEM and its partner organizations to share their insights, opinions, and unique perspective on HSEM efforts and initiatives

Members are required to participate in two meetings every month. These meetings allow members to provide updates on their projects, pose questions to HSEM staff and other invited officials, and provide feedback to other members.

The current Council is working on projects that include "Survival Rival Challenge, Safety Town, and Safety games for children events.

Applications can be found at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org or www.youthreadinesscouncil.org