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O'Mara reminds area residents: Sign up now for emergency preparedness training program at Cornell University on Saturday, March 29th

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**Albany, N.Y., March 25**-State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C-Big Flats) reminded area residents today that a state-sponsored "Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program" will be held at Cornell University on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

The program is free of charge but participants must complete an online registration prior to the event. According to the office of Governor Andrew Cuomo, registration is limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

“Our region has been hard hit in recent years by Hurricane Irene and other severe storms, floods and emergencies,” said O’Mara. “That’s been true across the state and, as a result, this emergency preparedness and response initiative has proven very popular and worthwhile.”

The Cuomo administration **launched the Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program in February** with the goal of training 100,000 New Yorkers “to be first responders in their own homes and in their communities.” The program seeks to provide citizens with tools and resources to help them better prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters.

A March 15th training program in Broome County drew more than 400 participants.

This Saturday’s Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program in Tompkins County will be held at Cornell University’s Statler Hall Auditorium (130 Statler Drive) beginning at 11:00 a.m. Admittance to the program will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The two-hour session is free of charge and participants will receive a NYS Disaster Preparedness Kit containing items that emergency response experts believe are critical to have handy in the immediate aftermath of any disaster or emergency.

For additional information and to register online for the March 29th training program, visit <http://prepare.ny.gov/training-events>

See the attached flyer below...