O'Mara issues reminder on state-sponsored emergency preparedness training program on Saturday, June 7th, in Chemung County ~ online preregistration required, sign up now

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Horseheads, N.Y., May 30 — 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 Horseheads High School on Saturday, June 7, 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, including the most recent devastation in Yates County," 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.

The Saturday, June 7th Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program in Chemung County will be held at the Horseheads High School Auditorium (401 Fletcher Street) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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 June 7th training program, visit http://prepare.ny.gov/training-events