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## Senator Amedore and Montgomery County Executive Ossenfort to Host Disaster Preparedness Training

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Senator George Amedore and Montgomery County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort today announced they will co-sponsor the New York State Citizens Preparedness Corps Training Program on Monday, September 28th, from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Riverfront Center in Amsterdam.

The two-hour training session, presented by the New York National Guard, along with officials from the Division of Homeland Security and the New York State Office of Emergency Management, is designed to give New Yorkers the resources to prepare for and respond to natural or man-made disasters.

"Residents throughout the 46th Senate District, and all of New York, have been devastated by natural disasters, including flooding from Irene and Lee and extreme winter conditions. September is National Preparedness Month, and I encourage everyone to participate in this training. It's a great way to help ensure your family and loved ones are prepared and have the resources and supplies needed in case of an emergency," said Senator Amedore.

“This preparedness training is crucially important to provide to residents, given the emergencies that we have experienced over the past few years,” said Montgomery County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort. “There is no better time than September — National Preparedness Month — for a training where people can learn how to become better prepared. In Montgomery County, we are constantly trying to educate residents and provide them with the tools and resources for any potential disaster. The county’s Emergency Management Office has developed an app that provides weather updates and alerts to smartphone and tablet devices. I also encourage residents to register their cell phones with Hyper-reach, follow our Emergency Management Office on social media and Dial 211, for health and human service information.”

The program, launched by the Governor in 2014 in response to devastating natural disasters, including Hurricanes Irene and Lee, is designed to advise New Yorkers how to best be prepared should an emergency situation arise, including creating a family emergency plan and making sure emergency supplies are properly stocked. The training prepares citizens for situations where they may be without power or telephone for several days, or longer.

Each participant will be given an emergency kit, which includes a first aid kit, emergency blanket, flashlight, a pocket radio, batteries, food, water, and other emergency supplies.

Preparedness training is free and open to the public, but attendees must register in advance at [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://www.prepare.ny.gov).

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