



**American
Red Cross**

Tompkins County Chapter
Emergency Services Program
201 West Clinton Street
Ithaca, New York 14850

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On June 16th and 17th 2006, the Tompkins County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a mass care exercise in the Town of Dryden.

Held in a continuing effort to improve disaster response and enhance the skills of a volunteer work force, some of whom have gained experience in the Gulf Coast working on hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. The exercise will simulate the opening and operation of a small-scale (less than 50 people) shelter at the Holy Cross Church on George Rd. in response to a simulated severe windstorm that impacts the Town of Dryden.

The shelter will open at 5:00 P.M. on Friday June 16th and close at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday June 17th.

During our conversations over the past couple of years as part of the Dryden Disaster Partnership, you have indicated your interest and involvement in preparedness. We invite you to join us for a presentation by Tompkins County Undersheriff Joe Vitale and Lt. (Ret.) Michael Moran of Cornell PD at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 17th, on Safety and Security at ARC service delivery sites. We also hope you will join us for the exercise after action review that will immediately follow the presentation.

You are also invited to stop in and observe the exercise at any time during the operation. Some Dryden residents will be role playing as affected residents.

We feel that this exercise offers a great opportunity for the community to observe a component of disaster response and preparation.

We hope to see you there.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Respectfully,

Michael Raffe
Emergency Services Director

Together, we can save a life