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Ramapo College to Hold Flood Response and Safety Training
College and community members invited to participate March 7

(MAHWAH, NJ) - Ramapo College's Civic and Community Engagement Center is partnering with World Cares Center to deliver a flood response and safety training workshop. It will be open to the public, including local campus and community leaders and volunteers, faith-based leaders, emergency managers, volunteer managers, VOAD members, OEM representatives and CERT members. The training will both enhance participants' abilities to improve community flood preparedness and response capabilities for terrorist attacks and environmental disasters, as well as their capability to organize evacuations.

Many important topics will be addressed, including how to set up flood response teams, team management using the incident command system, procedures to respond safely and effectively in a coordinated manner and physical and emotional self-care during a disaster response. Training materials will be provided for each participant.

With the proper training and education, you can help save lives, lessen property damage and help set up long term recovery efforts. The flood response and safety training will also demonstrate how to approach the economic redevelopment of homes, neighborhoods, businesses and possibly even the country.

World Cares Center is a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to alleviate the pain and suffering inherent in accidents and disasters by empowering individuals, strengthening communities and training local citizens, agencies and leaders to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergency situations together. Their focus is grassroots and supports local community members as resilient ready-responders working within official response systems. Collaboration is the key to their success.

Where: Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ - ASB-135

When: Thursday, March 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

How to register: Visit www.worldcares.org, and click the Flood Response Training link in the right-hand column, or contact Michelle Bascome at mbascome@worldcares.org or (212) 563-7570 x203.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.