



Fall 2009

## Comments From The Chair,,,,,

The new year brought enormous new challenges, as well as opportunities as a Citizen Corps Council with goals of educating citizens on how to “Be Prepared”, “Stay Safe- Stay Strong”. We start out the new year reflecting on the past year of Lessons Learned.

We partnered to conduct with Purdue University (Deana Staples- Council Member) a Survey on Lessons Learned from the ‘KY Ice Storm-2009’. The Survey was posted online, promoted in Emergency Management, First Responders and citizens of the Pennyrile.

Several new Co-ops have been formed as Pennyrile Citizen Corps Council ‘partnered’ with a variety of Organizations in the Region. These endeavors create a ‘force multiplier’ effect on spreading the Preparedness Message. As we build on what we have started- we have some great Lead projects, the first being our first “CERT TtT Course”. Certifying Instructors will enhance our ability to reach out to our substantial nine county region.

Our activities will include a Strong Support to the ‘Eyes and Ears on Kentucky’ program from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. We were honored to have the Executive Director of KOHS attend our first kick-off meeting with an update on not only the program- but the important role that citizens play in the threat from terrorism- domestic and international. The speech was enlightening and enforced our (PRCCC’s) emphasis on training our CERT, NWP, and Citizens to be aware of their surroundings, and if they have that “gut instinct” (see something, say something) call. We have partnered with our local Educational Institutions to share the Preparedness Message as well as training in Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction. We are extremely fortunate to have experienced Instructors volunteering from Fort Campbell, PADD, and Pennyrile Region their time-experience.

Again, we are very encouraged and motivated about the activities of the upcoming year- 2010. We encourage our entire regions citizens to join us in Being Prepared, ready for any and all challenges that we may face. Uniting Communities, One Neighborhood at a Time is part of our Mission and we hope you will join us.

Stay Safe, Ready & Prepared.

Dan, Chairman, PRCCC

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