HELPFUL HINTS FOR USING THE WARNING INFORMATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (WINS)

The Warning Information Notification System (WINS) has been in operation for five months and has been a valuable and useful tool. The system is an effective way to keep citizens informed on issues within the community that may affect them. There is one issue that has caused some concern and it has to do with the users selected settings. Some have had issues with receiving alerts during the early morning hours or other inconvenient times. The Warning Information Notification System (WINS) has an option that allows users to set up “quiet time”. For example, if a user prefers to not receive alerts between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., the system can be set to not send alerts during those hours.

To set up quiet time, users can go to the WINS user page and sign in with the username and password they created when signing up for the service. This link is available on most local and county web pages including http://www.bereadystclaircounty.org. Once signed on, click on the “edit” link next to “My Alert Subscriptions”. 

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Once in the Alert Subscriptions, Click on the + sign next to Severe Weather. Once open you will see a checkbox on the right “Don’t contact me between”. If you set this quiet time, you will not receive any weather alerts during the hours you set. The only exception to this will be life and safety weather alerts such as Tornado Warning.

While you are in your alert subscriptions it is always a good idea to open the categories and ensure the alerts selected are to your liking.

As always we will do our best to serve you and provide the alerts you want. This will make the system efficient and effective without becoming bothersome. For questions or any additional assistance, please contact Russ DeCrease at Emergency Management at rdecrease@stclaircounty.org or (810)989-6386

This weeks Be Ready links from ebw.tv & RESA-TV

(Hold down Ctrl and click link to open)

http://www.ebw.tv/PlayVideo?vid=13906&cid=12&d=Your_Emergency

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNs1zrDsBjc&index=9&list=PLx7w8YI3MO03kN-IAB4Blarr69KMMs0Ug
DON’T FORGET - UPCOMING WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING
The St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in conjunction with
the National Weather Service will be conducting a Beginning and Advanced Weather Spotter
Training Class on **March 2, 2015 from 7-9:00 p.m.** at the *St. Clair County Administration Building in
the Don Dodge Auditorium at 200 Grand River, Port Huron*. **There is no cost to attend.**

Participants will learn techniques for identifying storms, reporting, measuring rain, hail, and impacts
of storms. Also discussed will be reporting events not associated with Thunderstorms such as high
winds, dense fog, and flooding.

This course is mandatory to be an active member of the Weather Spotter Program in St. Clair
County. **All members of the community are also welcome to attend.**

Please RSVP to Julie Wallace at Emergency Management

Phone Number: 810-989-6965

Email: jwallace@stclaircounty.org

Or visit our website at: www.bereadystclaircounty.org
INTERESTING THOUGHT
Here’s a hypothetical matchup for you. A column of tanks covered in thick armor, capable of firing many bullets of both large and small caliber. On the other side, a bunch of plastic quadcopters you bought at the local Walmart. Who wins? According to exercise by the US military, the drones have it hands down.

Interesting Factoids
1) Syrian rebels are importing consumer-grade drones to launch attacks
2) A DJI Phantom 2 can carry three pounds of inert explosive. Or at least you can strap that to one sitting on a table and make it seem terrifying
3) The software DJI recently used to try and prevent drones from flying over the White House was originally developed to keep the craft out of China’s Tiananmen Square
4) The military has attached automatic weapons to cheap commercial drones and fired them with great success

UPCOMING CLASSES
The next MI CIMS class is March 24 at 9 a.m. at the EOC.

The Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MI CIMS) is powered by WebEOC, which is a statewide, secure system that provides specialized tools for managing crisis information and emergency response, as well as non-emergency events. MI CIMS provides real time information to authorized users anywhere internet access is available with permissions based on incidents and positions.

Please use this class as a refresher, if needed.

Please contact Nikki Falk at nfalk@stclaircounty.org

There is a damage assessment class scheduled from 9:00 am -11am on March 20, 2015 at St Clair County EOC.

Please forward this on to anyone that is interested in attending. If interested, please RSVP to Nikki Falk by March 13, 2015.