

West Islip Association Hosts Emergency Preparedness meeting.

On December 2, 2009, the West Islip Association held its monthly meeting at the West Islip Public Library. Mr. Ed Schneyer, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Suffolk County, spoke to a “packed house” about the work of Emergency personnel in times of severe weather, flooding, fires, plane crashes, oil spills and a host of other types of disasters.

With the benefit of a computer generated slide presentation, Mr. Scheyer explained that, in emergency situations, his agency utilizes the resources of utilities, transportation, fire, police, health, EMS, Public Works, volunteers, and private, government and local services.

Maria Hamadama and Anna Cassella spoke of the humanitarian work done by the American Red Cross. Along with facilitating transportation of supplies to the military, assisting in connecting Holocaust survivors with family, providing essentials in emergency situations, the ARC advises on preparing for disasters.

The ARC suggests a 3 day supply including water, non-perishable food items, sterno, manual can openers, extra medicines, radio, flashlight, plastic sheeting, essential documents, and whistles be kept available for emergencies.

The American Red Cross representatives provided a Family Disaster Supplies Kit list to all those in attendance.



Pictured L to R: West Islip Fire Department Personnel: Chief George Baxter, Chief Joseph Badala, Commissioner Jeff Kempf and Chief John McAulley, Councilman Steve Flotteron, WIA President Joe DeCarlo, WIA Vice Presidents Lynn Luttenberger and Maria Figalora (event coordinator), ARC representatives Maria Hamadama, and Anna Casella, Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga and Ed Schneyer