

**Chesprocott Health District (CHD)**

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*“Chesprocott to host orientation for new Public Health Volunteers”*

**Ready to Respond to Public Health Emergencies**

“State and local health departments must be ready to handle many different types of emergencies that threaten the health and safety of families in our communities” says Director of Health Maura Esposito. Public health emergencies occur every day across the United States. Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, infectious disease outbreaks, terrorist attacks, and other emergencies have occurred in and around our state, so we need to be prepared to respond and be ready for any public health emergency – both those we expect and those that come without warning.

Chesprocott is holding an orientation for new public health volunteers on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Cheshire High School (525 South Main Street). Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be awarded.

Chesprocott works closely with our first responder partners in planning and exercising to ensure our health department is ready to respond and save lives when emergencies occur. But we can't do this alone. While we all hope that emergencies never occur, they are inevitable and are a true test of any preparedness system.

To manage an incident and keep the public safe, Chesprocott Health District will need well-trained volunteers to respond to these public health emergencies. Volunteers help with local public health initiatives and respond to public health emergencies. Volunteers assist our staff in distributing important medicines to the public and help spread health and preparedness messages throughout our community. You don't need to have a medical background to volunteer but it is helpful. There is a roll for everyone.

We look forward to meeting you and having you as part of our team.

Please RSVP by calling the health district at 203-272-2761. For more information, please visit CHD's website or Facebook page at [www.chesprocott.org](http://www.chesprocott.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/chesprocott/>.