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To: [Everyone at Town Hall](#)
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The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD), in partnership with Mattapoisett Council on Aging, is hosting a meeting to bring together people with disabilities and local emergency preparedness professionals.

This meeting will be held on **December 15, 2009, from 10:30am – 12:30pm at the Community Room of the Social and Wellness Center located at 17 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.** The purpose of the meeting is to explore how to ensure that people with disabilities have the assistance they need in times of emergency.

- An ice storm leaves the region without electricity.
- Fire in an industrial plant forces evacuation of surrounding communities.
- A train jumps the tracks, releasing a cloud of toxic chemicals.

Communities across the Commonwealth are planning for emergency situations like these, some are natural and others are man-made; some require evacuation while others require sheltering at home.

Members of the disability community will learn about the emergency response resources and procedures within their local communities and the steps that can be taken personally to prepare for emergency situations. **Persons with disabilities will also receive an “Emergency Go Pack” with essential items that might be needed during an emergency. First Responders will receive “Tips for First Responders, 3rd edition”.**

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP by December 10, 2009** to Dr. Williams at the COA.

Accommodations will be provided upon request.