



Wisconsin Emergency Management congratulates Daniel Wernsman of Milwaukee for his selection to the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council (YPC).

Daniel will represent teens from FEMA Region V which covers Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Indiana and Ohio. The Youth Council focuses on how young people can play a role in emergency management through their regional work and specific projects that they will commit to execute during the coming year.

“I found out that I was accepted into the council and I was so happy to be a part of something bigger than just my program in Wisconsin,” said Daniel.

Daniel will begin serving on the Council at the FEMA Youth Council Conference on July 23-24, 2013 at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. The council consists of 14 members ranging in age from 13 to 18 and a chairperson. Members were selected through a nomination process for their work engaging communities in local emergency preparedness.

Daniel is a junior at St. Thomas More High School in Milwaukee. He and his family have been involved and active in community service all their lives. He joined the local youth emergency preparedness program R.E.A.D.Y. (Responding to Emergencies and Disasters with Youth) at the age of 12 through the Bay View Community Center R.E.A.D.Y. program. The following year he attended the week long R.E.A.D.Y. Camp program operated by the Center for School, Youth and Citizen Preparedness in Lodi. Since then he has returned to the annual camp as an advanced camp member, helping to train fellow teens.

As an active member of his local R.E.A.D.Y. team, Daniel presented at a Homeland Security Conference in Lake Geneva in 2010 to explain the emergency preparedness program. He has also led trainings of more than 800 students at local middle schools to teach bystander CPR Training through the American Heart Association's CPR Anytime Program. Also, Daniel is in the second year of camp counselor training for the YMCA's Camp Minikani in Hubertus, Wisconsin.

In a letter to Daniel, Major General Donald Dunbar, the Adjutant General of the Wisconsin National Guard wrote, "I commend you for your efforts to make Wisconsin better prepared. Your initiative and leadership reflects well on you, your family and your community."

After graduation, Daniel plans to pursue a degree in Architecture at the University of Minnesota.