

Meeting - November 16, 2005

Bergen County Municipal Alliance scheduled a training session on November 16, 2005 in Washington Township. FLASAP members signed up and due to the sign up response, it was decided to attend the training in place of the regularly scheduled meeting. The training session was held in the Community Center with a buffet dinner provided. The first training activity was a scavenger hunt. The goal of this activity was to show us how to recruit new members. Participants needed to locate for their Alliance specific people by chatting with others in attendance. Categories such as “someone who speaks Spanish, a religious affiliation, school organization member, a person involved in community service, or law enforcement officer”, were some of the search goals. Seven Factors of Community Readiness were illustrated. The Ramsey Alliance presented their “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” campaign. Recent graphic publicity regarding drugs was shown, statistics about alcohol and drugs discussed, great quotes were provided, and there was interesting and helpful literature available. “The Governor’s Council Bergen County Volunteer of the Year” award recipient, Lorraine Fleming, was introduced. In attendance at the meeting were Sgt. Derek Bastinck, Julie Favaro, Lorraine Fleming, and Julio Fleming-Enchautegui. We left several other members behind due to our early departure for weather conditions.