



## **Certifying Center for Safe Communities**

**On behalf of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion,  
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## **New Lenox, Illinois USA**

**Safe Community # 188**



**Name of the Community:** New Lenox, Illinois  
**Country:** United States of America  
**Number of inhabitants:** 24,055  
**Program started year:** 2009  
**International Safe Communities Network Membership designation:** 2010  
**Info address on www for the Program:** [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net)

**Full application available:** [www.safecommunitiesamerica.org](http://www.safecommunitiesamerica.org)

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**The program covers the following safety promotion activities:**

**For the age groups**

**Children 0-14 years:**

- Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation



- File of Life Program
- Halloween Safety
- Child Identification Program
- Safety Belt Awareness Initiatives
- Bullying Awareness
- Internet Safety
- Stranger Awareness
- Bicycle Safety
- Winter Safety
- Drugs and Alcohol Awareness
- Fire Safety
- Safe Environment Annual Lesson
- Nuisance Complaint Investigations
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Fire Safety Drills
- Tornado Safety Drills
- Intruder/Lock Down Drills
- "Drug and Alcohol Safety Program/Policy"
- Spectrum Program
- Peer Mediation
- Prescription Medication Policy
- Safe School Zone
- Harassment Policy

- Search Policy
- Electronic Devices Policy (Camera Phones)
- Inappropriate Gestures, Attire, Gang Signs, Symbols, or Attire Policy
- Weapons and Other Dangerous Objects or Materials Policy
- Extracurricular Events and Dance Policy
- Identification Card Policy
- Athletic Department Policies
- Bus Transportation Policy and Evacuation Policy
- Red Ribbon Week
- Robert Crown Drug Education Program
- Bullying Prevention Curriculum
- Officer Friendly (Stranger Danger Program)
- Learn to Swim/Rusty Hinges Courses
- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- Emergency Operations Plan and Exercise Program
- Emergency/Disaster Support
- Indoor Warning System
- Self-Defense
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- Babysitter Training Class
- Whale Tales (Water Safety/Young Children)
- Park Inspections
- Playground Inspections
- First Aid for Kids
- Kiddie Kampus
- Camp Sunshine
- Sign-in / Sign-out Procedures
- Safety Committee / Training
- First Aid Equipment at all Programs/Facilities
- Operation Lifesaver
- CPR/First Aid/AED
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Yearly Grade School Talks
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Sign Safety Messages
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House
- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign

**Youth 15-24 years:**

- Unwanted Medication Disposal Program
- Community Alert/Notification System
- Lightning Prediction and Warning System
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Citizen Corps Council
- Safe Ride Home Limo Program
- Drive Safe /School's Open
- Drive Safe /School's Closed
- 3 D Prevention Month
- Yellow Dot Program/File of Life Program
- 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program
- Road to Reality and Operation Prom

- Safety Belt Awareness Initiatives
- Drugs and Alcohol Awareness
- Self-Harm / Suicidal Ideation Reports
- Driver's Education
- Aquatic Safety Demonstrations
- SADD / TATU
- Fire / Weather / Lockdown / Bus Evacuation Drills
- Code of Conduct
- Lifeguard Training
- AED / CPR Training
- School Resource Officer
- Interquest Detection Canines
- Crossing Guards
- Monthly Police Representatives Meetings
- Curriculum-Related Safety Instruction and Certification
- Bi-Weekly Building Inspections
- Post-Prom Celebration
- Crisis Planning
- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- Athletic Heat Policy
- Harassment / Bullying Policy
- Auto / Parking Regulations
- Computer Acceptable Use Policy
- Gang / Secret Society Policy
- Fire Safety Drills
- Tornado Safety Drills
- Intruder/Lock Down Drills
- Drug Search/Lock Down Drills
- "Drug and Alcohol Safety Program/Policy"
- Peer Mediation
- Prescription Medication Policy
- Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and the Internet
- Safe School Zone
- Automobile Registration and Parking Policy
- Locker Policy
- Harassment Policy
- Search Policy
- Electronic Devices Policy (Camera Phones)
- Inappropriate Gestures, Attire, Gang Signs, Symbols, or Attire Policy
- Weapons and Other Dangerous Objects or Materials Policy
- Extracurricular Events and Dance Policy
- Identification Card Policy
- Athletic Department Policies
- Bus Transportation Policy and Evacuation Policy
- Protecting God's Children
- Nuisance Complaint Investigations
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Behavioral Health / Mental Health / Addiction and Youth Psychiatric and Counseling Services
- Emergency Operations Plan and Exercise Program
- Emergency/Disaster Support
- Indoor Warning System
- Text Message Alerting

- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign
- General Family Preparedness
- Self-Defense
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- First Aid Preparedness for Schools
- Babysitter Training Class
- Safe Baby Class
- Emergency Response Instructor Class
- Lay Responder Class
- Lifeguard Training
- Basic Water Rescue
- First Aid for Children
- Master of Disaster: Teaching Students Disaster Safety
- Drug & Alcohol Policy
- Criminal Background Checks
- Park Inspections
- Playground Inspections
- Sign-in / Sign-out Procedures
- Safety Committee / Training
- First Aid Equipment at all Programs/Facilities
- Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Training
- Operation Lifesaver
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Sign Safety Messages
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House
- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign



**Adults 25-64 years:**

- Unwanted Medication Disposal Program
- Community Alert/Notification System
- Lightning Prediction and Warning System
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Citizen Corps Council
- Safe Ride Home Limo Program
- Drive Safe /School's Open / School's Closed
- 3 D Prevention Month

- Yellow Dot Program
- File of Life Program
- 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program
- 55 Alive Mature Driving Class
- Safety Belt Awareness Initiatives
- AED/CPR Training
- Bi-Weekly Building Inspections
- Crisis Planning
- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- Fire Safety Drills
- Tornado Safety Drills
- Intruder/Lock Down Drills
- Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and the Internet
- Protecting God's Children
- Nuisance Complaint Investigations
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Behavioral Health / Mental Health / Addiction Counseling Services
- Emergency Operations Plan and Exercise Program
- Special Needs Registry
- Emergency/Disaster Support
- Indoor Warning System
- Text Message Alerting
- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign
- General Family Preparedness
- Spine Control
- Self-Defense
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- Health/Safety Lectures
- First Aid Training
- Emergency Response for First Responders
- CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
- First Aid Preparedness for Schools
- Community Disaster Education Presentations
- Safe Baby Class
- Emergency Response Instructor Class
- Lay Responder Class
- Lifeguard Training
- Home Pool Safety Presentation
- Water Safety Instructor Class
- Basic Water Rescue
- Safety Program
- Criminal Background Checks
- Park Inspections
- Safety Committee / Training
- First Aid Equipment at all Programs/Facilities
- Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Training
- Operation Lifesaver
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Sign Safety Messages
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House
- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign

### **Older Adults Ages 65 & Up:**

- Unwanted Medication Disposal Program
- Community Alert/Notification System
- Lightning Prediction and Warning System
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Citizen Corps Council
- 3 D Prevention Month
- Yellow Dot Program
- File of Life Program
- 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program
- 55 Alive Mature Driving Class
- Safety Belt Awareness Initiatives
- Learn to Swim/Rusty Hinges Courses
- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- AED and CPR Annual Training
- Protecting God's Children
- AED Training for Staff and Ushers
- Nuisance Complaint Investigations
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Emergency Operations Plan and Exercise Program
- Special Needs Registry
- Emergency/Disaster Support
- Indoor Warning System
- Text Message Alerting
- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign
- General Family Preparedness
- Spine Control
- Self-Defense
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- CPR/AED Training
- Health/Safety Lectures
- Lay Responder Class
- Safety Program
- Criminal Background Checks
- Park Inspections
- First Aid Equipment at all Programs/Facilities
- Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Training
- Operation Lifesaver
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Senior Smoke/CO Detector Program
- Sign Safety Messages
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House
- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign

### **In the following Environments**



### **Home:**

- Unwanted Medication Disposal Program
- Community Alert/Notification System
- File of Life Program
- 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program
- Child Identification Program
- Winter Safety
- Spine Control
- Self-Defense
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- Health/Safety Lectures
- First Aid Training
- Babysitter Training Class
- Safe Baby Class
- Home Pool Safety Presentation
- First Aid for Children
- First Aid for Kids
- CPR/First Aid/AED
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Yearly Grade School Talks
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Senior Smoke/CO Detector Program
- Sign Safety Messages
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House

### **Traffic:**

- Community Alert/Notification System
- Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation
- Safe Ride Home Limo Program
- Drive Safe /School's Open
- Drive Safe /School's Closed
- 3 D Prevention Month
- Yellow Dot Program
- 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program



- 55 Alive Mature Driving Class
- Halloween Safety
- Road to Reality and Operation Prom
- Safety Belt Awareness Initiatives
- Driver's Education
- Crossing Guards
- Monthly Police Representatives Meetings
- Guest Speakers (Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention)
- Auto/Parking Regulations
- Camp Sunshine
- Operation Lifesaver
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Sign Safety Messages
- Pancake Breakfast
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House

**Occupational:**

- Community Alert/Notification System
- Lifeguard Training
- Monthly Police Representatives Meetings
- Curriculum-Related Safety Instruction and Certification
- Bi-Weekly Building Inspections
- Crisis Planning
- Prescription Drug Policy
- Guest Speakers (Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention)
- Restaurant and Retail Food Store Permitting, Plan Review and Inspection
- Nuisance Complaint Investigations
- Public Tanning Facility Inspections
- Behavioral Health / Mental Health / Addiction and Youth Psychiatric and Counseling Services
- Spine Control
- Self-Defense
- Municipality Fitness Consultation & Design
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- Health/Safety Lectures
- Emergency Response for First Responders
- CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
- Emergency Response Instructor Class
- Lifeguard Training
- Water Safety Instructor Class
- Basic Water Rescue
- Safety Program
- Drug & Alcohol Policy
- Criminal Background Checks
- Safety Committee / Training
- Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Training
- Operation Lifesaver
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Sign Safety Messages
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House

**School:**

- Community Alert/Notification System
- Bullying Awareness
- Internet Safety
- Stranger Awareness
- Drugs and Alcohol Awareness
- Self-Harm / Suicidal Ideation Reports
- Aquatic Safety Demonstrations
- SADD / TATU
- Fire / Weather / Lockdown / Bus Evacuation Drills
- Lifeguard Training
- School Resource Officer
- Interquest Detection Canines
- Crossing Guards
- Monthly Police Representatives Meetings
- Curriculum-Related Safety Instruction and Certification
- Bi-Weekly Building Inspections
- Peer Helper / Yellow Card Program
- Post-Prom Celebration
- Crisis Planning
- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- Prescription Drug Policy
- Guest Speakers (Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention)
- Athletic Heat Policy
- Harassment / Bullying Policy
- Auto / Parking Regulations
- Computer Acceptable Use Policy
- Gang / Secret Society Policy
- Fire Safety Drills
- Tornado Safety Drills
- Intruder/Lock Down Drills
- Safe School Zone
- Automobile Registration and Parking Policy
- Locker Policy
- Harassment Policy
- Search Policy
- Electronic Devices Policy (Camera Phones)
- Inappropriate Gestures, Attire, Gang Signs, Symbols, or Attire Policy
- Weapons and Other Dangerous Objects or Materials Policy
- Extracurricular Events and Dance Policy
- Identification Card Policy
- Athletic Department Policies
- Bus Transportation Policy and Evacuation Policy
- Red Ribbon Week
- Robert Crown Drug Education Program
- Bullying Prevention Curriculum
- Officer Friendly (Stranger Danger Program)
- Fire Safety

- Safe Environment Annual Lesson
- Spine Control
- Self-Defense
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- Health/Safety Lectures
- First Aid Preparedness for Schools
- Safe Baby Class
- Lifeguard Training
- Water Safety Instructor Class
- Basic Water Rescue
- Whale Tales (Water Safety/Young Children)
- Operation Lifesaver
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Yearly Grade School Talks
- Sign Safety Messages
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House



### **Sports:**

- Aquatic Safety Demonstrations
- SADD / TATU
- Fire / Weather / Lockdown / Bus Evacuation Drills
- Code of Conduct
- Lifeguard Training
- Learn to Swim / Rusty Hinges Courses
- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- Guest Speakers (Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention)
- Athletic Heat Policy
- Spine Control
- ACL Prevention
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- Health/Safety Lectures
- First Aid Training
- Lifeguard Training
- Water Safety Instructor Class
- Basic Water Rescue
- Whale Tales (Water Safety/Young Children)
- First Aid for Kids
- Sign-In, Sign-Out Procedures
- Safety Committee/Training
- First Aid Equipment At All Programs/Facilities
- Kids Fire Academy
- Sign Safety Messages
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House

**Leisure:**

- Lightning Prediction and Warning System
- Bicycle Safety
- Aquatic Safety Demonstrations
- SADD / TATU
- Code of Conduct
- Lifeguard Training
- Learn to Swim / Rusty Hinges Courses



- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- Athletic Heat Policy
- Computer Acceptable Use Policy
- Gang / Secret Society Policy
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Spine Control
- Core/Balance/Agility Workshops
- Health/Safety Lectures
- Home Pool Safety Presentation
- Water Safety Instructor Class
- Basic Water Rescue
- Park Inspections
- Playground Inspections
- Kiddie Kampus
- Camp Sunshine
- Sign-in / Sign-out Procedures
- Safety Committee / Training
- First-Aid Equipment at all Programs / Facilities
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Sign Safety Messages
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House

**Disaster:**

- Community Alert/Notification System
- Lightning Prediction and Warning System
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Citizen Corps Council
- Monthly Police Representatives Meeting

- Curriculum Related Safety Instruction and Certification
- Crisis Planning
- Emergency Operations Plan and Exercise Program
- Special Needs Registry
- Emergency/Disaster Support
- Indoor Warning System
- Text Message Alerting
- Severe Weather Preparedness Campaign
- General Family Preparedness
- Kids Fire Academy Which Teaches Fire Safety and Basic First Aid
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Sign Safety Messages
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Yearly Fire Prevention Open House
- Emergency Response for First-Time Responders
- CPR/AED For The Professional
- Community Disaster Education Presentations
- Emergency Response Instructor Class
- Lay Responder Class

**Other:**

- Protecting God's Children
- AED Training for Staff and Ushers

**Violence prevention:**

- 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program
- Bullying Awareness
- Internet Safety
- Stranger Awareness
- Safe Relationships
- Character Counts
- Operation Snowball
- DCFS Reports
- Self-Harm – Suicidal Ideation Reports
- School Resource Officer
- Interquest Detection Canines
- Monthly Police Representative Meetings
- Crisis Planning
- Harassment / Bullying Policy
- Computer Acceptable Use Policy
- Intruder Lock Down Drills
- Peer Mediation
- Safe School Zone
- Harassment Policy
- Inappropriate Gestures, Attire, Gang Signs, Symbols, or Attire Policy
- Weapons and Other Dangerous Objects or Materials Policy
- Red Ribbon Week
- Robert Crown Drug Education Program
- Bullying Prevention Curriculum
- Officer Friendly (Stranger Danger Program)
- Safe Environment Annual Lesson
- Protecting God's Children

- Safety Program
- Criminal Background Checks
- Safety Community / Training

**Suicide prevention:**

- Prescription Drug Policy
- Harassment / Bullying Policy
- Spectrum Program

**Programs aiming at "High risk-groups":**

- Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation
- File of Life Program
- Halloween Safety
- Child Identification Program
- Bullying Awareness
- Internet Safety
- Stranger Awareness
- Bicycle Safety
- Winter Safety
- Drugs and Alcohol Awareness
- Safe Relationships
- Fire Safety Drills
- Tornado Safety Drills
- Intruder Drills
- Spectrum Program
- Peer Mediation
- Prescription Medication Policy
- Safe School Zone
- Locker Policy
- Harassment Policy
- Search Policy
- Bus Transportation Policy and Evacuation Policy
- Red Ribbon Week
- Bullying Prevention Curriculum
- Officer Friendly (Stranger Danger Program)
- Learn to Swim/Rusty Hinges Courses
- Thor-Guard Lightning Detection System
- Emergency Operations Plan and Exercise Program
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- Emergency Operations Plan and Exercise Program
- Special Needs Registry
- Emergency/Disaster Support
- Indoor Warning System

**Surveillance of injuries:** New Lenox, Illinois

Numbers per year:

Population base: 24,055

Started year: 2008

**Publications:**

N/A

**Produced information material, pamphlets:**

- New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team
- New Lenox Unwanted Medication Disposal Program
- New Lenox Emergency Alert / Notification System
- American Red Cross Literature

**Staff:**

- 40

**International commitments:**

- Study Visits: TBD
- Participation in Safe Community Conferences: TBD
- Hosting Safe Community Conference: TBD
- Hosting "Travelling Seminars": TBD
- International Conferences Attended: International Association of Chiefs of Police

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