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Dear Friend:

The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD), in partnership with the *Turners Falls Fire Department*, is hosting a meeting to bring together people with disabilities and local emergency preparedness professionals.

This meeting will be held on **September 25th, 2019 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Turners Falls Fire Department located at 180 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, MA 01376.** 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 to personally 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, 5th edition”.**

If you would like to attend, please **contact Captain Kyle Cogswell at the Turners Falls Fire Department by September 11, 2019.**

- in person at the main desk or
- by calling 413.863.9023

Accommodations will be provided upon request. In order to make requests, please contact Evan George at 617-979-7313, no later than September 4, 2019.

If there are any further questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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