

# Atglen Residents

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Octorara Regional Emergency Management (OctoREM) group, in conjunction with the Chester County Health and Emergency Services Department, is hosting a Point of Dispensing (POD) information session, training, and an exercise at the Octorara Intermediate School. This POD practice drill is required every five years. PODs provide treatment to the public during a public health emergency. Training and practice exercises help our communities be prepared to respond if and when a public health emergency occurs.

This project is **dependent on local volunteers** getting involved in their community. We are working with the school district and some school groups, such as the Homeland Security Program for recruiting and training volunteers. If you are a member of a community group or a local resident we can use your help to build a strong POD team. **The one perk that you will receive**, if you are part of the POD team, is your family and you will have first access to the treatment if a public health emergency occurs.

Our first meeting is on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 PM at the Octorara Intermediate School, Library, 221 Highland Road, Atglen. Please join us to learn about the POD plan and help with the leadership positions. Anyone 15 years of age or older are eligible to volunteer. You do not need prior experience.

The POD training drill will be held on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (time to be determined). We need lots of volunteers to make this exercise a success.

For additional information please contact Atglen Borough EMC Geoffrey Burkhardt at 484-885-7240.