

## Hillsborough Officials Better Prepare for Disaster With SCBP Workshop

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The Somerset County Business Partnership (SCBP) recently hosted a Business Continuity in Times of Disasters to help local businesses prepare a disaster recovery guide and recognize resources available through Federal, State, County and local sources.

In order to better prepare Hillsborough for any disaster that may occur, several Township officials and emergency service personnel joined over 30 other Somerset County business owners and public officials to attend this workshop.

“We are lucky to have a great team of emergency service personnel here in Hillsborough but you can never be too prepared. This workshop was important for us to make sure that



Pictured Above (l-r): Ed Seliga, Mike Kerwin, Ralph Petti, Amy Sutton, Committeeman Anthony Ferrera, Sgt Darren Powell, John Sheridan, and Mal Plager.

we are taking full advantage of all of the resources out there to help us in times of disaster,” stated Committeeman Anthony Ferrera, liaison for Public Safety and Emergency services.

“Here in Hillsborough we’ve had to deal with hurricanes, flooding, and, most recently, the swine flu outbreak. It is extremely important to have a disaster recovery plan in place to help minimize the impact to the natural flow of business and this workshop did a great job of showing local businesses how to do just that,” concluded Committeeman Ferrera.

“The forum provided details on how to properly prepare your business to not only survive but flourish in the aftermath of natural and man-made disasters. The SCBP’s website, [www.scbp.org](http://www.scbp.org), has a dedicated resource webpage on business continuity,” stated Peter Wright, Director of Local Government Services, SCBP.