

## Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness is a key focus of the South Charleston Area Community Advisory Panel. Members have volunteered countless hours to ensure schools and day care centers are familiar with and practices in shelter-in-place procedures. To learn more about shelter in place, contact the panel's facilitator, Mary Green, at 746.7700.

The Kanawha/Putnam Local Emergency Planning Committee ensures plans are in place should an incident occur in the local area. However, residents must take personal accountability by knowing where to turn for information regarding an emergency and how to react properly. If an area were at risk during an emergency, residents would be notified. The most common means through which they would be notified is the Emergency Alert System, which includes the siren system as well as television and radio stations. Residents are encouraged to stay off the telephone in an emergency to keep lines open for official use.

## Learn More

The South Charleston Area Community Advisory Panel exists to serve the community. To learn more about the panel and its projects, to attend an upcoming meeting, or to schedule a presentation, contact the group's facilitator, Mary Green, at 746-7700 or one of the members. The panel's web site, [www.communityadvisorypanel.org/scwvcap](http://www.communityadvisorypanel.org/scwvcap), also may be reviewed for information. Members encourage the public to contact them with questions, issues or concerns.

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## South Charleston Area

### COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

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## History and Purpose

The South Charleston Area Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was formed in April 2002 when two similar groups merged after functioning for almost 10 years as individual panels with the same purpose. The panel represents the local chemical industry and the greater South Charleston area, including North Charleston and the western portion of Charleston. Industry participants are Union Carbide Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company (Dow Chemical), Bayer MaterialScience LLC, FMC Corporation and Elementis Specialties.

The purpose of the CAP is to increase the lines of communication between industry and its host community. It serves as an open forum where issues of concern and interest to all participants are discussed. The group also serves as a mechanism for public questions, comments and concerns.

## Meetings and Activities

The panel meets 10 times annually on the second Monday of the month, except for July and December. Meetings are open to the public and hosted at the South Charleston Public Library. Topics are selected by the group and include such discussions as environmental performance, economic conditions of the industry, and safety performance.

The panel also sponsors projects and activities to benefit the community. In addition to speaking to community groups, the CAP sponsors a Household Hazardous Collection Day for the immediate area, sponsors information booths at local fairs and festivals and works to educate the public about emergency preparedness. The panel's newest and most challenging endeavor is to assist the companies as they work toward sustainable community development, a fairly new movement aimed to meet the needs of today's society without jeopardizing the availability of future generations to meet their needs. To build momentum and encourage participation by the full community, your ideas about projects are encouraged. You may share them with a member, who then will take them to the full membership.

## Membership

The 20-plus member panel was selected based upon community participation and interest in local industry. Members represent the fabric of the community and include educators, environmental advocates, students, business representatives, government officials, community leaders, clergy, retirees and emergency responders. Their role is to serve as a liaison between the companies and the community in which they live and/or work. Participation is voluntary, and member serve in an advisory capacity.

### CAP

### Members

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**Jennifer Soule**  
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**Teresa Whitt**  
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## Companies and Their Products

The companies sponsoring the panel employ more than 1,300 people in the Kanawha Valley and contribute to the economy through taxes and the purchase of goods and services. Their products and materials are used in everyday products, such as personal-care items, bedding, medicines and other goods used by today's consumer. To learn more about each company, log onto their web site and contact the company representatives whose name is listed below:



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