

ALLEGANY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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The Office of Emergency Management continues to be the main conduit for all potential disasters occurring within Allegany County and the surrounding areas. This office has been mandated by the Department of Homeland Security to take on additional commitments and responsibilities.

Towns and the County received damages in May during heavy rains and flooding. Our area was declared a disaster area DR # 4180. We are always vigilant in preparing our County for such events. This office along with the Department of Health and 911 Center has been working on updating our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. I have attended several specific training courses provided locally through FEMA that included: "Terrorism Indicators and suspicious activity Reporting (SAR) for Fire/EMS", 2014 ILO "Intelligence Liaison Officer Conference" NYSEMA Conference, Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents", and "Social Media for Natural Disaster".

This office assisted by the Red Cross set up Code Blue shelters and warming centers for several days in January due to the extended extreme cold weather. We also responded to; evaluated and tracked a large ice jam on the Genesee River during March in the towns of Hume and Granger.

This office worked with the local emergency responders, the County Health Department, and Jones Memorial Hospital along with NYSDOH Emergency Preparedness for the seven Western New York counties and participated in a full-scale "StormWest" 2014 exercise, testing local hospitals' surge capabilities. We also participated in the regional "Hot Wash" and "After Action" report. The office worked with the Tough Mudder Group, local, regional and State EMS and Fire personnel, State, local, County Police and presented a very successful Tough Mudder event on Kent Farms. We have been actively participating as part of the local Joint Preparedness Team which includes the Allegany County Department of Health, American Red Cross along with Jones and Cuba Hospitals and the NYSDOH Office of Emergency Preparedness. We also worked with the representatives of National Weather NOAA to host a SkyWarn training.

This office continues to manage the funding from Homeland Security Grants and has purchased Personal Protective Equipment and radios for our Fire Investigators and Deputy Coordinators.

We participated in several educational settings using table top exercises at both public and private colleges, as well as taking part in a full scale drill at Alfred University. We along with the Sheriff office , NYSP, and local law enforcement presented a Safe School program to Andover Central School.

During the fall outbreak of Ebola we worked closely with the County Department of Health, Jones Memorial Hospital, and local EMS agencies in preparing for a potential case in Allegany County.

This office continues as the "Course Sponsor" for the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Services EMS Training courses for another year with 22 new CFRs, 41 new EMTs and 6 new Advanced EMTs. The expenses for the courses are reimbursed by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Services.

The "Continuity of Government" and the "Emergency Operations Procedures Manual" were revised as required on an annual basis. The Office is maintaining and reviewing Emergency Plans for towns, schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, American Red Cross, and public structures such as the dams for Cuba and Rushford Lakes on a yearly basis.

Respectfully submitted;

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