

Emergency Management Annual Report 2009

2009 was another very busy but productive year.

With the help of Selectman, Betsy Hardwick; Police Chief, Stephen Bell; Fire Chief, Larry Kullgren; Road Agent, Gary Paige; Southwest Region Planning Commission and the EMD with the majority of the funding provided by a grant through the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Homeland Security Emergency Management through the Town of Franconia, Emergency Operations Plan was completed April 27, 2009. With both the Emergency Operations and the Hazard Mitigation Plans now updated, completed, and in place the Town can now continue to request project funding for emergency infrastructure repairs throughout the Town and funding for upgrading and improving equipment and materials used by EMS, Police and Fire services. Some of the items we have been able to request funding for and gain approval for in the past are the 20KW Portable Engine Generator; upgraded Fire Protection Gear; upgraded radio equipment; reconstruction of the bridges on Pleasant Pond Rd; and several other bridges and numerous road repairs following the Spring Floods in 2007, just to name a few.

Again, a special thank you to both the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department and the Franconia Highway Department for all they do during the year responding to emergencies throughout the Town. Their dedication and support is greatly appreciated.

I'm always available to answer questions regarding disasters, emergency services, etc. Don't hesitate to call me at 547-3300 or 620-5065.

Anyone interested in becoming Deputy Emergency Management Director? We are still looking for a volunteer. If interested contact either the Selectmen or myself.

Don't forget to post your house number so it can be easily seen and read from the road by responding emergency personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul A. St. Cyr,

Director