

Antrim County

Office of Emergency Management

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What we do: The Antrim County Office of Emergency Management coordinates federal, state, local, voluntary and private resources during emergencies and disasters. The department also addresses all necessary state and federal county requirements as directed by the Department of Homeland Security.

Further, we provide support to our local fire, EMS and police forces as requested.

Events:

Aug 2, 2015 – High winds produced wind shears and hail to the SW corner of the County. Power outages as long as 5 days also occurred. While a disaster declaration was not requested, hats go off to our emergency and county personnel. Milton Township Fire alone worked 36 hours straight clearing roadways within their jurisdiction.

South Torch Lake Fire and Milton Fire providing convenience locations that allowed residents and guests to have access to showers, phone charging and showers. Following the storm, I was able to work with the Red Cross and Family Fare to provide convenience kits to the fire departments to assist with future events.

With the assistance of Forester Mike Merriweather and a Conservation District AmeriCorps employee, we manned a debris drop-off location at the Milton Township Road Commission site for 4 weekends.

Lessons were learned from this storm. In early January of 2017, training for all of our jurisdictions will begin on damage assessment as the election could have numerous new faces in almost all.

Public Outreach:

The Facebook page is going well with an average of 1000 hits per week.

Provided assistance to the Star Township Fire Open House. 25 address signs were made for residents.

Fire Corps creation with the assistance of the Mancelona Fire Auxiliary.

Presentation of the All-Hazards Plan has allowed additional outreach as the audiences are very participatory.

Education/Training: Emergency Managers are required to take part in 12 trainings and 4 exercises per year.

- Monthly Radio Drills that address the state and regional 800 mhz system. MI-CIMS Certification, a state-wide information sharing system – plus one exercise per quarter (4 of these exercises = 1 of our 4 exercises per year).
- Michigan Emergency Management Association Conference (20 hours)
- Emergency Planning Class
- The 1st Annual Paddle Antrim provided a great exercise for our RACES team.
- Generator Exercise at two of the hook-up locations.
- Debris Site Management Training.
- White Pine Stampede served as another exercise.
- Emergency First Responder (EMR) Training (88 hours)
- Department of Homeland Security Conference (24 hours)
- 2 Winter Storm Event Trainings

- National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training was presented to 26 members of the public in April. This training highlighted the August 2 storm event.
- Planning is complete for the Landing Zone Training for all emergency personnel. We are able to provide this training at no cost and able to provide our personnel with valuable continuing education credits. We expect over 60 to attend on June 18.

Committees/Boards:

- Antrim County Emergency Services (ACES): This committee consists of a representative from each of the fire agencies in the county, the DNR Fire Representative, the Sherriff, 911 and the Emergency Manager. They meet bi-monthly, except in June and July. I will now be serving as the recording secretary.
- 911: This Board meets bi-monthly and I serve as the recording secretary.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee/Local Planning Team (LEPC/LPT): Both are required, but based on our population, we have been able to combine them into one group. They meet quarterly and Emergency Services provides staff support.
- Region 7 Emergency Management Coordinators Monthly Meeting.
- Region 7 Homeland Security Planning Board (for Homeland Security Grants) Monthly Meeting. I serve as recording secretary.
- Public Safety Committee: At a minimum, I report monthly to them on my activities.

Miscellaneous:

- Antrim County will receive \$2200 to perform the reviews of our SARA Title III sites. SARA sites are sites that are known to manufacture, store or transfer hazardous materials.
- The All-Hazards Plan was approved by the County Board of Commissioners and is currently being presented to our 20 jurisdictions. To date, 9 have provided their adoption resolutions to us.
- We received a grant from Paddle Antrim to purchase a water rescue manikin. Training will begin shortly.
- Thanks to a new vehicle, trailering is much easier in a truck than an SUV.
- The first meeting of the new Antrim County Fire Corps will take place on June 18.
- Secured a grant from FEMA for the Mancelona Siren that went silent in Sept 2015. Funding is due in Jan 2017.

Goals for 2015-2016:

Complete all 27 SARA Title III Site Reviews. **Complete.**

Update Website. **Not Complete.**

Update all Emergency Action Guidelines (EAG's) as Emergency Support Functions (ESF's). **50% complete. Projected completion date is September 2016.**

Complete all core requirements for Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) Certification. Test to be taken in 2017. **75% Complete.**

Establish Twitter account for emergency notification. **No action yet taken – My kids are working with me to learn and understand this application. I would say that I am almost ready.**

Goals for 2016-2017:

Update that darn website.

Complete EAG Updates.

Complete PEM Certification

Complete Firefighter I training.

Take office paperless where possible and purge everything according to State retention schedule. This should reduce 75% of all paper in the building.

Assist 911 Board with the creation of a CIP of sorts to address communications with our emergency personnel.

Began planning for a full-scale exercise (one is required every five years) for actuation in the spring of 2018.