

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.

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

Events:

Sept 1, 2014 – High winds produced 4 tornadoes in the area. Fortunately the nearest one to Antrim County lifted into the air and dissipated 1000' short of the Antrim/Kalkaska County line. Minimal damage was experienced mostly in the Mancelona area including trees down and damage to an outbuilding.

Sept 5, 2014 - Beginning late evening September 4 into September 5 mid-morning, storms ravaged the area dropping over 6 inches of rain in Bellaire. Widespread winds causes a power outage in Bellaire about 5:30 am. All county fire departments spent the late night and early morning clearing trees from the roadways. We were able to use the mobile generator to restore power at the COA, which saved over \$8000 in meal on wheels and senior meal products. This was a great opportunity for us to “train” in a real environment. Special thx to Sheriff Bean for helping me with my first donut (pentel) hitch.

Public Outreach:

Established a Facebook page that utilizes social media to report not only weather advisories, but safety tips and information.

Provided a booth for the Elk Rapids Fire Department’s Open House which included making 15 families address signs.

Provided a booth for the Torch lake Township Fire Department’s Open house which including make 12 families address signs.

Served as guest speaker for the Mancelona Fire Department’s Annual Appreciation Dinner.

Presented to 6 of the Fire Departments on the challenges of autistic children and fire/rescue. It was very well received and I hope that the remaining departments will take me up on my offer to visit.

Education/Training: Emergency Mangers 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. Special thx to Sgt. Bratschi for training me on the use of the radios.
- 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).
- Virtual Tabletop Exercise on an Explosion in a Stadium
- Assisted with the Indian River Oil Spill Exercise
- Public Information Officer (PIO) Training
- Michigan Emergency Management Association Conference (20 hours)
- Damage Assessment Training
- Exercise Creation Training Medical First Responder (MFR) Training (88 hours)
- Department of Homeland Security Conference (24 hours)

- Threats and Hazards Identification and Assessment Training (16 hours)
- Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorist Awareness
- 9 Active Shooter Training Courses were held throughout the winter of 2015 serving over 400 persons throughout the county.
- National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training was presented to 22 members of the public in April.
- 6 County Commissioners received instruction on their responsibilities in the event of an emergency or disaster.

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 monthly, except in June and July.
- 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.
- Public Safety Committee: At a minimum, I report monthly to them on my activities.

Miscellaneous:

- Antrim County 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.
- We completed the draft of our All-Hazards Plan which has been submitted to the State and FEMA for review.
- Assisting the Paddle Antrim non-profit with their emergency operations plan.

Goals for 2015-2016:

Complete all 27 SARA Title III Site Reviews.

Update Website.

Update all Emergency Action Guidelines (EAG's) as Emergency Support Functions (ESF's)

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

Establish Twitter account for emergency notification.