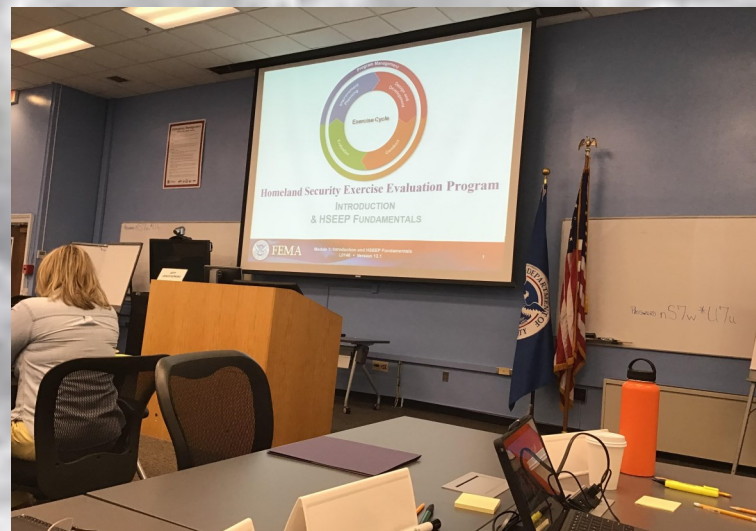
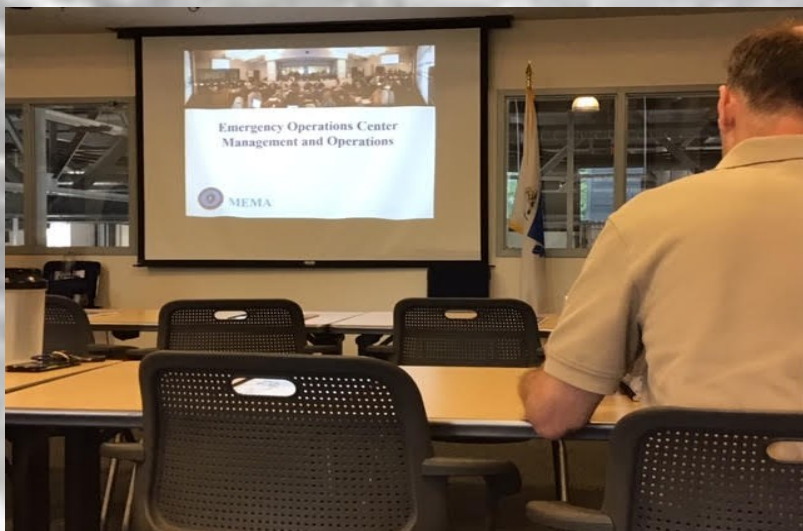


# Town of Lewisboro NY Emergency Management Committee 2019 Annual Report





**October 10, 2019—1900 hours**  
**John Jay High School Auditorium—**



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# Emergency Management

## Definition, Vision, Mission, Principles

### Definition

Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.

### Vision

Emergency management seeks to promote safer, less vulnerable communities with the capacity to cope with hazards and disasters.

### Mission

Emergency Management protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.

### Principles

Emergency Management must be:

1. **Comprehensive** — emergency managers consider and take into account all hazards, all phases, all stakeholders and all impacts relevant to disasters.
2. **Progressive** — emergency managers anticipate future disasters and take preventive and preparatory measures to build disaster-resistant and disaster-resilient communities.
3. **Risk-Driven** — emergency managers use sound risk management principles (hazard identification, risk analysis, and impact analysis) in assigning priorities and resources.
4. **Integrated** — emergency managers ensure unity of effort among all levels of government and all elements of a community.
5. **Collaborative** — emergency managers create and sustain broad and sincere relationships among individuals and organizations to encourage trust, advocate a team atmosphere, build consensus, and facilitate communication.
6. **Coordinated** — emergency managers synchronize the activities of all relevant stakeholders to achieve a common purpose.
7. **Flexible** — emergency managers use creative and innovative approaches in solving disaster challenges.
8. **Professional** — emergency managers value a science and knowledge-based approach based on education, training, experience, ethical practice, public stewardship and continuous improvement.



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## Message from the Emergency Management Committee Chairperson

Thank you for taking a moment to review the town's emergency management committee's annual report for 2019. Emergency management is focused on "we" because emergency management extends far beyond our town's own emergency management and preparedness. It requires effort from all levels of government, our neighbors in Connecticut, the private sector, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, faith- and community-based organizations, neighborhoods, and individuals....it is all of us... **Embracing a "Whole Community" approach.** The need for all of us to be prepared is the focus: "Individually Prepared, Together Resilient and Capable"

We at Lewisboro Emergency Management are proud of the relationships/partnerships we have established with our various partners and stakeholders throughout the years and continue to strengthen and broaden those relationships. In September 2019 "National Preparedness Month Lewisboro held our very first "Surrounding Communities" Emergency Management Meeting which we had participation from all our neighboring municipalities including our neighbors in Connecticut and look forward to continuing this dialogue going forward . These relationships with our partners is critical to addressing all aspects of emergency management and preparedness... **Mitigation—Preparedness—Response—Recovery.**

We as a community would fail without these positive relationships with our partners and stakeholders

2019 has passed without any "major type incidents" - We did have some "small scale" incidents throughout the past year. With that it does not mean that we have not been busy either planning for incidents or working to improve the town's emergency management/preparedness capabilities. In turn trying to foster an all encompassing approach to increased/enhanced preparedness and self resiliency.

We would like to recognize Town Board Member Tony Goncalves for all his efforts, dedication, engagement and commitment with our local emergency management/preparedness activities/efforts/initiatives throughout the past year

Like to congratulate Paul Amerling of Lewisboro NY on winning the 5 Day Survival Backpack (furnished by Cabelá's)! Which was held in conjunction with the NY Prepare Presentation held on October 10, 2019

Moving forward into 2020 in addition to our normal duties, responsibilities, training and public outreach as it relates to emergency management/preparedness—We will be seeking to "rebrand" our local emergency management committee and growing it into a more professional and disciplined organization which in turn will become a more functional/operational/deployable organization so to better address the needs of our community. This will be discussed further in this report

Thanks again for taking the time to review this report.

Our ongoing goal: Making our residents more resilient and in turn making our community stronger.

Adam Ochs  
Chairperson  
Town of Lewisboro NY  
Emergency Management Committee  
*February 18, 2020*

## 2019 Emergency Management Committee Members

These are the people/organizations that “make it happen”

MEMBER	AFFILIATION	ESF*
Peter Parsons	Lewisboro Town Supervisor	N/A
Leo Masterson	Lewisboro Deputy Town Supervisor	N/A
Tony Goncalves	Lewisboro Town Board Member – Liaison	N/A
Janet Donahue	Lewisboro Town Clerk	N/A
Peter Ripperger	Lewisboro Highway Superintendent	03
David Alfano	Lewisboro Police Chief	13
Dana Mayclim	Lewisboro Parks & Recreation Superintendent	06
Pam Veith	Lewisboro Senior Adult Director	06
Joel Smith	Lewisboro Facilities Maintenance—Manager	03
James McManus	Goldens Bridge Fire Department – Chief	04
Dan Murtha	Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Captain	08
Mike Lynch	South Salem Fire Department – Chief	04
Jeff Peck	Vista Fire Department – Chief	04
Cindy Rubino	Lewisboro Library – Director	15
Andrew Selesnick	Katonah Lewisboro School District – Superintendent	15
Ken Bouchard	Four Winds Hospital – Emergency Management	05
Gina Rebeck	ThistleWaithe Learning Center	15
Uthman Aziz	NYSEG – Brewster Region	12
Jenifer Dering	Public at Large	12
Robert Feroce	Public at Large	N/A
Frank Kelly	Public at Large	N/A
Barbara Mangione	Public at Large	N/A
Christopher Rust	Public at Large	N/A
*	Emergency Support Function <a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/25512">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/25512</a>	

## 2019 Activity “ By the Numbers”

NCIDENTS		
DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	ACTIVATION/COMMENT
January 18-21, 2019	Weather: Winter Storm	Yes
February 24-25, 2019	Weather: High Winds	Yes
March 3-4, 2019	Weather: Winter Storm	No – Enhanced Monitoring activated
September 16, 2019	Threat: Hostile Act	No – Enhanced Monitoring activated
October 16-17, 2019	Weather: High Winds	No – Enhanced Monitoring activated
October 31-November 3, 2019	Weather: High Winds	Yes
NOTIFICATIONS (Public)		
INCIDENT TYPE		TOTALS
Special Events		15+
Traffic		30+
Weather (not requiring an activation)		15+
Miscellaneous		20+
EVENTS		
Public Outreach		05
MEETINGS		
TYPE		TOTALS
Public		03
Partners		10
EXERCISES		
TYPE		TOTAL
Functional		02
Tabletop		03
CONFERENCES		
TYPE		TOTAL
Emergency Management		01
Emergency Preparedness		01
TRAINING		
TYPE		TOTAL
Instructional (classroom)		200+ hours
Workshops		002



## Images of 2019



Disaster Management for Public Services (MGT317)  
Great Neck NY



US DHS Active Shooter Workshop  
Vermont National Guard Westminster VT



EOC Operations And Planning For All-Hazards Events (MGT-346)  
Nassau County OEM Bethpage NY



Readiness: Training Identification & Preparedness Planning  
(MGT-418) Nassau County OEM Bethpage NY



Advanced ICS Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents  
(ICS-400) Boston EMS Headquarters Boston MA



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## Images of 2019



Logistical/Supply Chain Support—Hurricane Maria  
Roberto Clemente State Park Bronx NY



Emergency Operations Center Management Training  
Ballston Town Hall Ballston Spa NY



Community Preparedness All Hazards Training  
Quincy OEM Quincy MA



Regional Emergency Management Training  
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Rutland VT



Winter Storm Activation  
Lewisboro Town Hall South Salem NY



NYSEG Mobile Incident/Operations Command Post  
Brewster NY



## Images of 2019



Seminar—Managing Chaos: Boston Marathon Bombing  
NYS Preparedness Training Center Oriskany NY



Crisis Leadership & Decision making  
Northwell Health Training Center Great Neck NY



State of Vermont OEM Preparedness Conference  
Fairlee VT



State of Vermont OEM Public Assistance Grant Program  
Fairlee VT



FEMA—Emergency Management Institute (EMI)  
Emmitsburg MD



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## Resources

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<https://www.fema.gov/>

Preparedness—Ready.gov

<https://www.ready.gov/>

FEMA—Emergency Management Institute (EMI)

<https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>

United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

New York State Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oem/>

Westchester County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

<https://emergencyservices.westchestergov.com/divisions/office-of-emergency-management>

New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/index.page>

Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Emergency-Management>

New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

<http://www.ready.nj.gov/>

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-emergency-management-agency>

Vermont Emergency Management (VEM)

<https://vem.vermont.gov/>

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.riema.ri.gov/>

Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP)

<https://emap.org/>

Association Memberships:

New York State Emergency Management Association (NYSEMA)

<https://www.nysema.org/>

Vermont Emergency Management Association (VTEMA)

<https://vtema.org/>

Emergency Management Association of Tennessee (EMAT)

<https://www.emat.org/>



## 2020 “ Looking Forward”

As we have “closed out” 2019 with no major incidents—We in emergency management and preparedness can never be lulled into a state of complacency and must continue to seek improvements. Always keeping in mind all incidents “start and finish locally”. Local governments are the first line of defense against emergencies and disasters and are primarily responsible for managing the response to and recovery from those events. At the local government level, the primary responsibility for protecting citizens belongs to local elected officials.

### **Communications/Notifications:**

This is priority #1—We need to greatly improve our communication/notification plans/strategies with the public. We need to develop a comprehensive and consistent plan on how we should be “reaching out” to our public on a routine/”day to day” basis and up to and including Pre-During-Post incident. Establishing a Public Information System pre and during event and to appoint/designate person(s) to be the Public Information Officer(s) PIO to coordinate communications especially with the public. We need to improve/enhance all our forms of communication. In 2020 we must increase our efforts to implementing/promoting NY-Alert to greatly improve public participation with this program. Additionally we must review/evaluate our current communication formats from Special Registries—LCTV—Website—Social Media—Email—Person to Person Communicating during an emergency or crisis is one of the most important elements of a incident/disaster preparedness plan—FEMA



**SIGN UP FOR NY-ALERT**  
<http://www.nyalert.gov>

**TOWN OF LEWISBORO NY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 914-977-8043**

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**OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**  
**Providing Critical Updates to Protect Lives**

New Yorkers can subscribe for NY-Alert to receive critical information and emergency alerts on what is happening in their area. NY-Alert contains critical, emergency-related information including instructions and recommendations in real-time by emergency personnel. Information may include severe weather warnings, significant highway closures, hazardous material spills and other emergency conditions.

All areas of New York State are included in the system, and you can decide which area you would like to receive alerts about.

Signing up is free, and messages can be received by phone, email, text and fax.

**SIGN UP AT**  
**<https://alert.ny.gov>**  
**OR**  
**518-292-2299**

### **Community Preparedness/Resiliency:**

With limited resources/assets we have as a local government it is imperative we promote/encourage individual/business/community preparedness and resiliency . Throughout the year we must reinforce the “whole community” (individuals/families/businesses/communities and so forth) the importance of preparedness and resiliency during “major: incidents but day to day activities

### **Sheltering:**

We have in past years had the need for sheltering due to weather /power outage related incidents—Fortunately it “has worked out” - In part this was accomplished with the support of our neighboring communities. We need to review/evaluate our sheltering needs and work collaboratively with our partners and stakeholders to develop a “real” plan/strategy for sheltering.

## 2020 “ Looking Forward”

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### **Rebranding:**

Which would be the phasing out of the Emergency Management Committee and will transformed into two distinct but collaborative groups the Town of Lewisboro NY Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the operational aspect of Emergency Preparedness & Management. This rebranding will be a part of a comprehensive effort to increase the public's awareness of our presence and role in the community. Additionally to instill professionalism and discipline as it relates to our local emergency preparedness, management and coordination efforts.



The operational aspect can be activated/deployed as it relates to the potential exposure and/or threat of major emergencies, disasters and planned events. Coordinate disaster response or crisis management and support activities, provide disaster preparedness training, provide communications and public notification, and prepare emergency plans and procedures for natural and human-caused disasters

It will be staffed by sworn/dedicated and trained professionals with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, including individuals assigned from volunteers, other town departments and emergency services

We must help/assist our entire community before, during, and after emergencies through preparedness, education, and response

Thank you again for taking the time to review this report.

Adam Ochs  
Chairperson  
Town of Lewisboro NY  
Emergency Management Committee

**Volunteer Recruitment**  
**Town of Lewisboro NY**  
**Emergency Management Committee**

**What the Committee Does...**

To provide a forum for exchanging and developing ideas, knowledge, experience and strategies for mitigating from, preparing for, responding to, and recovery from all hazards (manmade and natural disasters) incidents. The committee also intends to foster recognition of emergency management's role in Preparedness – Response – Recovery - Mitigation

**What is Emergency Management**  
[https://youtu.be/445vL2i\\_asA](https://youtu.be/445vL2i_asA)

**Want more information and/or interested in joining the committee – Please reach out to us at Lewisboro NY Emergency Management at:**  
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