

EMA News & Views



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COUNTY OF LYCOMING EMA QUARTERLY TRAINING

(Emergency Management Coordinators serving the municipalities of Lycoming County)

The next County of Lycoming EMA Quarterly Training will be held on:

THURSDAY - September 28, 2017 - 7:00 pm

At

LYCOMING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
542 COUNTY FARM ROAD, SUITE 101
MONTOURSVILLE, PA 17754

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MCM CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

MEETING TOPIC DETAILS

For the next EMA quarterly training, a representative from MCM Consulting Group will be on hand to discuss the future needs of the Lycoming County radio system project. They will be discussing the process for the county radio needs assessment and strategic plans. A needs assessment survey will also be discussed and they will be welcoming feedback from the EMA and first responder communities.

Please plan to join us to offer your comments and ask any questions you may have concerning our radio system project.

Hope to see you there!



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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF VERMONT, INC.

By Darla Greiner

Have you ever questioned what you should do if you have a chemical leak/ breach/ or an unknown substance seepage? Who do you contact? What can you expect for response?

The first step is to contact the 9-1-1 Center to report the incident. Our telecommunicators, following a series of questions, will know who to issue an alert to for response.

First due will most likely be the fire department. Depending upon what is reported, DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) will be notified and requested to respond to the scene.

Did you know that right here in Williamsport is a PEMA certified Hazmat team – Environmental Products & Services of Vermont, Inc. (EPSVT)? Located at 2902 Reach Rd., EPSVT is well equipped to handle many situations. Headquartered in Syracuse, NY, they have branches in 10 states, including Pennsylvania.



All branch consulting and other professional services are supported by the EPSVT Corporate Geosciences and Environmental groups, whose monitoring practices provide branch quality assurance. Services include Drilling, Ground water Monitoring, Site Remediation, Source Removal via Excavation and Radon Gas Testing. EPSVT offers a wide variety of services to provide both scope and quality to its customers. Services include Emergency Spill Response, Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal, Industrial Maintenance, Tank Cleaning and Wet-Dry Vacuum Trucks. Their expertise and services as it relates to the petroleum facilities include Absorbents, Pads and Boom, Air Monitoring Equipment and Air/Water Filtration Equipment.

EPSVT is a uniquely qualified company to serve its customers. Their comprehensive approach allows clients to focus on their business with the assurance that their environmental concerns are properly addressed. They are a dedicated National Accounts Team that is staffed by seasoned professionals. Many are right here in Williamsport, along with all the necessary equipment to meet our environmental concerns. Their prompt and capable response can minimize losses in productivity; reduce environmental damage, health threats and liability.

Lycoming County maintains a contract with EPSVT for response within the county in the event of an environmental emergency. In the event of an emergency response within the county, the on-site Incident Commander, after making the determination EPSVT services are required, should contact the county 9-1-1 Center to make this request. Please provide as much detail as possible to the Center when making this request so the right equipment and sufficient manpower can respond to the scene providing the most efficient service.

NEW PEMA CERTIFICATION DIRECTIVE

Last month PEMA released Directive 2017-02, Emergency Management Certification and Training Requirements. This Directive replaces the form 2011 Directive. There have been only a few minor changes to the requirements for each certification level. The new requirements for municipal coordinators and their staff are:



BASIC	ADVANCED	PROFESSIONAL
Orientation and Duties & Responsibilities	IS-3 (Radiological EM)	IS-15.b (Special Events Planning) or IS-366 (Planning for Children)
Initial Damage Reporting	IS-5 (Intro. to Hazardous Materials)	
IS-100 (Intro to ICS)	IS-241 (Decisions/Prob. Solving)	IS-130 (Exercise Eval. & Improv. Plan)
IS-200 (ICS for Single Resources)	IS-242 (Effective Communication)	IS-703.a (NIMS Resource Mgmt.)
IS-230 (Fundamentals of EM)	IS-244 (Develop/Manage Volunteer)	G-235 (Emergency Planning)
IS-235 (Emergency Planning)	IS-271 (Hazardous Weather & Risk)	G-290 (Basic PIO)
IS-240 (Leadership & Influence)	IS-547 (Intro to COOP)	ICS 400 (Advanced ICS) or G-400 (Advanced ICS)
IS-700 (NIMS: An Introduction)	IS-702 (NIMS Public Info) or G-289 (PIO Awareness)	Must attend two of four County quarterly trainings.
IS-775 (EOC Mgmt. & Ops.)		One (1) year, or more, after ob- taining Advanced Certification
IS-800 (NRF: An Introduction)	G-191 (ICS/EOC Interface)	
Must attend two of four County quarterly trainings.	ICS 300 (Intermediate ICS)	
	Must attend two of four County quarterly trainings.	
	One (1) year, or more, after ob- taining Basic Certification	

If you are already in the process of working on your certification, PEMA will allow request to be submitted under the 2011 Directive until August 15, 2018. Please contact the County EMA office if you have any questions about the new training Directive.

Notes from the Director...

A BIG THANK YOU to all the first responders and emergency management personnel who contributed immeasurably to the safety of the thousands of people visiting the County during the 2017 Little League World Series and the related events. I personally wish to thank those who assisted in the County's EOC to support the public safety program.

September is the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane Season! We have been fortunate thus far this year in Central PA. However, as I type this article on August 31st, one hurricane and one area of interest are active in the Atlantic Basin. Please take a few moments and review your personal and your community's severe weather awareness and flood readiness plans.

The recent historic rainfall that fell across coastal Texas as part of Hurricane Harvey is a prime example that flooding can and does happen. Now would be an excellent time to check your municipal EOC's back up power system, radios, and supplies!

On a closing note, PLEASE ensure you forward copies of your certification or training certificates to the DPS Office. Many of these programs are available on-line for your convenience.

THANKS!

John

VACANT EMC POSITIONS

In accordance with Title 35, all municipalities in the Commonwealth must have an Emergency Management Coordinator. Currently, the following do not. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, please contact the Lycoming County EMA office at 570-433-4461.

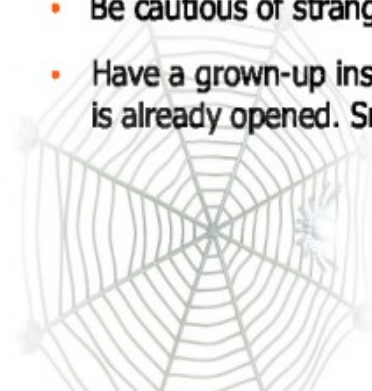
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MCHENRY TOWNSHIP
MCINTYRE TOWNSHIP
MCNETT TOWNSHIP

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

American Red Cross Halloween Safety Tips:

These "lucky 13" safety tips are for parents to share with their trick-or-treaters to prevent injuries at Halloween.

- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards and brooms, too!)
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks and low-flying brooms.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Walk, slither and sneak on sidewalks; not in the street.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Only visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Use a light stick instead of a wick! Candles used in pumpkins are a fire hazard. (Also, keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- **Be cautious of strangers and animals.**
- **Have a grown-up inspect** your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.



**American
Red Cross**

UPCOMING EMA CLASSES

Classes listed below with an (*) are required for one or more of the certification levels for municipal Emergency Management Coordinators. **Attendees must register on-line or through the County EMA office.** Contact Kelle Robinson with any questions concerning these classes.

*G-235: EMERGENCY PLANNING COURSE

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 8:00 am - 4:00pm, Lycoming County EMA Office

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office

G-393: HAZARD MITIGATION FOR EMERGENCY PLANNERS COURSE

Monday, October 23, 2017 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Lycoming County EMA Office

Other Training Resources:

PEMA TRAINING CALENDAR:

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=5051&&mode=2>

PEMA (ON-LINE) TRAINING:

https://www.centrelearn.com/login_pa.asp

FEMA (EMI) (ON-LINE) TRAINING:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslst.asp>



WINTER CAR PREP TOP 10 LIST

Brrrr...don't get caught in snowmageddon unprepared.



CHECK YOUR BATTERY



PROFESSIONALLY CHECK COOLANT



CHECK YOUR SPARE



CHECK YOUR TREAD



THROW IN JUMPER CABLES



GET SOME FLARES



GET A FIRST AID KIT



GRAB SOME GRUB



STUFF A BLANKET



STORE A BAG OF SALT



National Preparedness Month

Emergencies can happen at any time, so it is important to stay prepared both at home and at work!

DISASTER PREVALENCE & COST



Hurricanes and tropical storms make up

44%

of total catastrophe losses.

Insured Losses:

Hurricane Sandy (2012)

\$20 Billion

Hurricane Katrina (2005)

\$48.4 Billion

Hurricane Andrew (1992)

\$25.4 Billion



Approximately

1,200

tornadoes strike the U.S. each year.



Up to

40%

of businesses affected by a natural or human-caused disaster never reopen.

When preparing for an emergency, all businesses should consider:



TIMING

when the emergency would be of greatest impact to your site



DURATION

how long the emergency would impact your business



OPERATIONAL IMPACT

how would the overall business be affected if work cannot continue



FINANCIAL IMPACT

what is the impact to the business's bottom line if work cannot continue

Preparedness is as easy as 1-2-3!

1



Get a kit

You should have a kit for home, work, and in your vehicle.

Emergency Kits should contain any or all of the following items:

- Water
- Food
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area

2



Make a plan

It's never too early to start creating and practicing an emergency preparedness plan.

At Home:

- Create an evacuation plan that all family members are familiar with.
- Keep documents in a fire-proof box (medication lists, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, passports, licenses, insurance policies).
- Ensure that all family members know where to find important phone numbers.

At Work:

- Familiarize yourself with the company's warning system and evacuation procedures.
- Develop a "business continuity" plan for your workgroup or employees.
- Place emergency contact information in an easy-to-access area.

3



Be informed

Know how to "Shelter-In-Place" at home, work, and in-between.

At Home:

- Choose a room in advance for your shelter. The best room is one with as few windows and doors as possible. A large room, preferably with a water supply.

At Work:

- Know where the shelter-in-place locations in your workplace will be.
- Safety volunteers or recruits should be assigned specific duties during an emergency. Alternates should be assigned to each duty in case a safety leader is absent.

PEMA CERTIFICATIONS RECEIVED

David Dymeck, Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Williamsport, earned his Basic Level Certification in June of this year. Dave was presented his plaque by our County EMA Manager, Dan Dorman at a recent LEPC meeting.



Paula Young, a Clerk at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and a County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff member, earned her Basic Level Certification in April of this year. Paula was also presented her plaque at the LEPC meeting by Dan Dorman.

Irv Temple, another DPS and EOC staff member, earned his Basic Level Certification in June of this year. Irv was presented his plaque by Dan Dorman while working in the County EOC in support of the Little League World Series.



Please join us in congratulating Dave, Paula, and Irv on their great accomplishment.!

Autumn HOME CHECKLIST



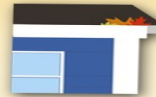
1. WINDOWS & DOORS:

The only good draft in your house this fall is the one that kicks off fantasy football season! Seal leaky windows and doors with spray foam, caulk or weather stripping.



2. ROOF:

At least once or twice a year, check your roof or hire a professional to do so, especially after extreme weather events.



3. GUTTERS:

Preventing gutter overflow is important; just make sure you always practice ladder safety when cleaning out fall leaves (or hire a professional).



4. SMOKE DETECTOR:

Clocks aren't the only wall hangings worth adjusting during daylight savings time. Make sure you check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace their batteries as needed.



5. ENERGY:

When temperatures fall, consider investing in a programmable thermostat to save energy and money while staying warm.



6. HEALTHY LAWN:

Once leaves start falling, keep your soil healthy by mulching them with a mower. One pass every four days should do the trick. Or, be sure to rake leaves. Leaves can kill your grass if left on the ground for a prolonged period of time.



7. FIREPLACE:

The start of fall means fireside stories are just around the corner. Check your chimney and have it swept when 1/8-inch of sooty buildup is present.



8. FIREWOOD:

Dry firewood should be stored at least 15 feet from your home. Large amounts of wood should not be stored in the home, due to the risk of termite infestation.



9. LAWN EQUIPMENT:

Once summer ends, your lawn equipment will probably go into hibernation all winter -- so make sure it's stored properly. Empty unused fuel from lawnmowers to prevent sediment buildup.

2017 QUARTERLY TRAINING

September 28	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office
December 14	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

Just a reminder, this newsletter is written for you, the emergency responder in Lycoming County. If there is something that you wish to see in the newsletter or you have a story that you would like to share, please let us know. We are always looking for ideas for upcoming newsletters!

COUNTY EMA STAFF

Your County EMA staff is proud to serve you, and will always welcome your comments and suggestions to promote a better EMA community. Please contact us at any time.

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