

# 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 - JUNE 23, 2022**

**QUARTERLY EMC TRAINING**

*at*

**Lycoming County Department of Public Safety  
546 County Farm Road, Montoursville, PA**

**TOPIC: Williamsport Bureau of Police K-9 Unit**

### MEETING TOPIC DETAILS

Sgt. Brian McGee will be the evening's presenter on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sgt. McGee has been with the Williamsport Bureau of Police since September 2012 and a K9 handler since July 2020. Prior to his time with the WBP, Sgt. McGee served in the military and as a Lycoming County telecommunicator. His K9, Niko, is a 3 year old Belgian Malinois trained in patrol/drug detection. Sgt. McGee will share with the group the history of the K9 unit at the Williamsport Bureau of Police, their capabilities, and how they hope to expand their operations in the future.

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## NOTES FROM THE EMC

It's hard to believe we are already into June!! Where has the year gone! Here are some updates on what the County EMA office has been working on:

- The County EMA division is working to procure our own drone and put together a County drone team. This drone/team will be utilized primarily for providing damage assessment after floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, but will also work towards assisting in hazardous materials and search & rescue incidents in the county. More information will be sent out as it becomes available!
- Numerous classes are being held throughout the County including several sponsored by the County's LEPC. If you are in need of a class to obtain your PEMA certification(s) or if your municipality could benefit from a class that we are able to provide, please reach out to Paula Young and we will work to get something scheduled for you.
- On the topic of training, the North Central Task Force (NCTF) has recently purchased Grain Bin Rescue tools for most of the counties in the NCTF. Lycoming received ours, and we will be scheduling a class through the NCTF to train responders in our county on how to use it. If you are in an area of the county with grain bins, you know the risk that comes with them. I highly suggest you register for the training when it becomes available. Look for it sometime this fall!
- Don't forget to be checking your municipal EOPs & NARMS and making any necessary updates. Any updates should be submitted to the County EMA office. Our office has been working on making sure schools & day cares in your municipalities have updated plans in our office. If you do not have an updated copy of any school or day care plans, please let us know, and we can make sure you receive it.



Stay safe and we'll see you on June 23<sup>rd</sup>!!

*Kelle*

## PEMA CERTIFICATION RECEIVED

Joe Colucci, Cascade Township EMC, earned his Local Basic Level Certification in February of 2022. Joe was presented his plaque by our EMA Manager, Kelle Robinson at the March Appreciation Banquet.

Please join us in congratulating Joe on this great accomplishment!





# Summer Safety Tips

Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.


## Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.





In February the Pine Township Emergency Operation Plan Volunteers took a training on how to properly do CPR, apply an A.E.D. to a patient and how to apply a Stop-The-Bleed Tourniquet to a patient. The class had 12 people participate and now all of them are certified. The training was instructed by Steve and Cathy Kreger from the Morris Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company, which serves Pine Township. Some of the students are also members of Pine Township's Neighborhood Crime Watch Group and some are members of the Pine Township Citizens Emergency Response Team, also known as CERT. There are more trainings being planned for the near future.

As a coordinator for Pine Township, I'm so blessed to have all these people to help me in any way they can and are so willing to take the training to make it possible for them to do their job correctly.

The students got to use some of the new equipment Pine Township has purchased for their E.O.C. They are in the process of updating the interior of the E.O.C. So far there have been all new electrical wiring installed, LED lights installed, a large monitor and laptop computer installed, an A.E.D. plus 2 Stop-The-Bleed Kits installed and now there are new window shades and new filing cabinets ordered to be installed. They may be a small municipality, but they are very serious when it comes to their Emergency Management and filling all the things that may be needed during an Emergency or Disaster.

I think they will be able to handle whatever comes their way with the help of their resources and those outside of the Municipality. They are a member of West Branch Emergency Management and have shown great support for the organization over the years.

They would like to thank the staff at DPS for all their help whether it be trying to set up needed trainings or just giving information to them thru their coordinator.

Iva Mae Guillaume  
Pine Township EMC

## DON'T GET CAUGHT OUTSIDE

No place outside is safe when a thunderstorm is in the area. Get inside as soon as you hear thunder. Run to a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. If you can't get to a safe building or vehicle:

- ✓ Avoid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area.
- ✓ Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area.
- ✓ Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences. Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it.
- ✓ If you are with a group of people, spread out. While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.

## IF SOMEONE IS STRUCK

Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death for those who die. Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge and may need first aid immediately.

- ✓ Call for help. Call 9-1-1.
- ✓ Give first aid. Begin CPR if you are trained.
- ✓ Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available. These units are lifesavers!
- ✓ Don't be a victim. If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning CAN strike twice.

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## ORGANIZED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

It's essential that people in charge of organized outdoor activities understand the dangers of lightning and have a lightning safety plan. Don't be afraid to ask. If you hear thunder, it's time to get to a safe building or vehicle. Speak out!



LEARN MORE ABOUT  
LIGHTNING SAFETY AT:

[www.weather.gov/lightning](http://www.weather.gov/lightning)

# NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE



## LIGHTNING SAFETY

### FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



## **NEW MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS**

Lycoming County EMA would like to announce new municipal Emergency Management Coordinators to our community.

George Long—Jordan Twp—appointed 9/10/21  
Joseph Hople—Old Lycoming Twp—appointed 9/10/21  
Scott Winters—Upper Fairfield Twp—appointed 9/10/21  
Glen Temple—Moreland Twp—appointed 9/10/21  
Charles O'Brien—Lewis Twp—appointed 12/19/21  
Sam Aungst—City of Williamsport—appointed 3/2/22

Please help us welcome our new  
Emergency Management Coordinators to  
the TEAM!



### **Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities Class held in Williamsport, PA**

Lycoming County Department of Public Safety and Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company collaborated to bring the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) training to Williamsport on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This full day training instructed 22 first responders and public safety personnel on how to better assist the under-resourced population living within our communities. The class emphasized the importance of creating partnerships with people and groups in our community that have a vested interest with under-resourced populations. These partnerships will allow first responders and public safety personnel to engage these under-resourced populations with preparedness and response tools. Along with, whole community planning that includes program access and accessible communication & transportation.

This was a certified class funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and offered free of charge to all participants.





## Prepare Your Pets for Disasters

Your pets are important member of your family! This is why they should be included in your family's emergency plan.


To prepare for the unexpected, keep your pets in mind as you follow these tips:

1. Make a plan.
2. Build an emergency kit.
3. Stay informed.

### Make a Plan

If you have a plan in place for you and your pets, you will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry when you need to make a decision during an emergency.

#### THINGS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PLAN:

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  - Know what to do with your pet during an evacuation. Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.
  - Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.
- Have copies of your pet's vaccination record, and make sure your pet is microchipped. Keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.
- Keep contact information for your local emergency management office or animal control office and shelters on hand in case you become separated from your pet.

### Build a Kit for your Pet

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival.

Review your kit regularly to ensure that their contents are fresh.

#### HERE ARE SOME ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN AN EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR PET:

- Food and Water. Keep several days' supply of both.
- Keep food in an airtight, waterproof container, and have a water bowl to use.

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Ready.

## PET DISASTER KIT CHECKLIST

### DOCUMENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Photocopied veterinary records               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rabies certificate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vaccinations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medical summary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions for medications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Most recent heartworm test result (dogs)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Photocopied registration information (ex: proof of ownership or adoption records)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pet description(s) (ex: breed, sex, color, weight)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recent photographs for each of your pets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof container for documents</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Microchip information (ex: microchip number, name and number of the microchip company)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Your contact information (phone numbers and addresses for your family and friends or relatives you may be staying with)</li> </ul> |
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### WATER, FOOD, MEDICATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2-week supply of food for each animal stored in waterproof containers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2-week supply of water for each animal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-spill food and water dishes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manual can opener</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Feeding instructions for each animal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2-week supply of any medications (if applicable)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medication instructions (if applicable)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> One month supply of flea, tick, and heartworm preventative</li> </ul> |
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### OTHER SUPPLIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leash, collar with ID, and harness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Toys</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate-sized pet carrier with bedding, blanket, or towel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pet first aid book and first aid kit</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning supplies for accidents (paper towels, plastic bags, disinfectant)</li> </ul> |
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U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention





On Friday 05/20/2022 and Saturday 05/21/2022, Lycoming County Amateur Radio Emergency Service members participated in the ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET). The exercise scenario was a severe storm that knocked out power throughout Eastern PA and required multiple shelters to open. Amateur Radio operators were asked to simulate a deployment on emergency power and transmit an ICS-213 General Message indicating shelter needs via WINLINK.


9 local Amateurs participated (all on emergency power) with 5 amateurs simulating deployment and sending an ICS-213 message to Bob Wilson – ARRL Eastern PA Section Emergency Coordinator. Tom Inman –

KC8T acted as a Net control station for the EPAEPTN (Eastern PA Emergency Phone & Traffic Net). Two (2) local amateurs checked in during the exercise but were unable to simulate deployment. We also took a message by voice from an amateur in Luzerne County and relayed it via WINLINK, thereby simulating his not being able to contact his local ARES / ACS Unit.

Lycoming ACS Participants included Bob Brown (KB3IPZ), John Mummert (WJ3OM), Dale Brendle (N3ZZIO), Cliff Allen (AC3EU), Tom Inman (KC8T) John Springman (KB3AWQ). Other amateurs included Richard “Doc” Laubach (WB3DOC), Tim Longan (N3NCG – Northumberland County) & Bob Folmar (KB3VS – Luzerne County)

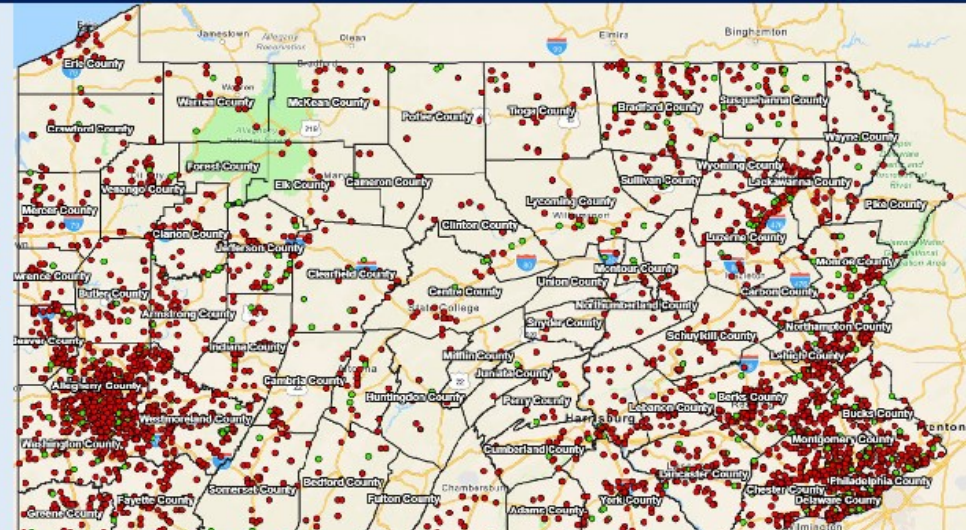
We are planning on doing more of this type of training at the local level to build and maintain our skills.

## Where it can rain, it can flood




**DID YOU KNOW?**

Roughly 9 out of 10 flood reports made to the National Weather Service were outside the FEMA 100-year floodplain.



Locations of flood reports made to NWS between 1993 and 2021. Flood reports over one half mile outside the floodplain area are in red. Flood reports within a half mile of the FEMA 100-year floodplain are in green.



Just one inch of floodwater can cause up to \$25,000 in damage. Most homeowner and renter insurance does not cover flood damage. Flood insurance is a separate policy that can cover buildings, the contents in a building, or both.

[www.pema.pa.gov](http://www.pema.pa.gov)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

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.

### **Pump Operations II**

June 7, 9, 2022 1800-2200

June 11, 2022 0800-1600

Classes held at Independent Hose Company (Jersey Shore)

Registration deadline: May 28, 2022

### **Emergency Boat Operations & Rescue**

June 13, 15, 2022 1830-2230

June 18, 2022 0800-1600

Classes held at Picture Rocks VFC

Registration deadline: June 3, 2022

### **Emergency Vehicle Driver Training**

June 13, 14, 2022 0800-1600

Classes held at Williamsport Bureau of Fire

Registration Deadline: June 8, 2022

### **Firefighting II Testing**

Written Test: June 23, 2022 1830 at Old Lycoming Twp VFC

Skills Test: June 25, 2022 0800 at CAFCA Training Grounds

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2022

### **Aerial Apparatus Practices**

June 25, 26, 2022 0800-1600

Classes held at Muncy Area VFC

Registration deadline: June 15, 2022

### **Rail Safety & Emergency Response Training**

June 28-30, 2022 Multiple 4-hour sessions

Classes held at Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Registration online at TRANSCAER/Hazmat Training Events



### **Additional Online Training Resources:**

[PEMA Training and Exercises](#)

[TRAIN PA](#)

[FEMA Emergency Management Institute](#)

EMA training questions can be directed to:

Paula Young  
Lycoming County Department of  
Public Safety  
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## **2022 QUARTERLY TRAINING**

June 23	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office
September 22	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office
December 8	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Please tell us what you would like to see in the next EMA News & Views. We want to print your stories and issues important to you.

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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 any time.

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