

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 22, 2022
QUARTERLY EMC TRAINING

at

Lycoming County Department of Public Safety
542 County Farm Road, Montoursville, PA

TOPICS:

National Fuel Gas Company Operations in the Marcellus Shale Region of Northern PA

Ryan Swatsworth, Operations Manager, National Fuel Gas Company

Susquehanna Steam Electric Station: Lycoming County's Role as a Support County

Kelle Robinson, County EMC & Robert Brown, Team Leader, Lycoming County ACS

MEETING TOPIC DETAILS

Our first presentation of the evening will be from Ryan Swatsworth, Operations Manager for National Fuel Gas Company. National Fuel, based out of Williamsville, NY, has been in the business of transporting natural gas for over 100 years. Seneca Resources and National Fuel Midstream are subsidiaries of National Fuel and deal with the extraction, conditioning and transporting of natural gas to market in the Marcellus Shale region of Northern PA. Ryan will share a brief presentation that will detail how they operate in our area, as well as chemicals they may have on site, and give municipal EMCs & first responders a better understanding of what to expect if an incident occurs on or near one of their sites.

The second presentation will be a brief overview of Lycoming County's role in an incident at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) near Berwick, PA. Kelle Robinson will provide an overview of what Lycoming County will assist with in all phases of the emergency, while Bob Brown, County ACS Team Leader, will explain the vital role the ACS team plays throughout the incident.

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NOTES FROM THE EMC

It's hard to believe that summer is just about over!! Hopefully you were able to get out there and enjoy the wonderful weather we had!

With the end of summer comes the peak of hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean, and this is the time we often see the tropical moisture from these storms. NOAA still expects an above-average hurricane season, so we all need to be prepared for any storms that may bring large amounts of rain to the county. We will continue to send significant weather information out from the National Weather Service as it becomes available. If you encounter any damages from storms, please be sure to report them to the EMA office as soon as possible. As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

September is also National Preparedness Month. While Emergency Management personnel think about preparedness every day, most of our community members do not. [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) has some great resources for you to pass along to your family, friends and neighbors including how to make a plan and build an emergency kit. Our office is also looking for any opportunities this fall to get out into the community with our public education & outreach program, and we would appreciate it if you could pass along any information about events in your municipalities.

The Bi-Annual Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) exercise is back for 2022. More information about this exercise and how you can become involved will be discussed as a training topic at the September 22nd Quarterly Training. Even if your municipality is not directly involved, we would love to have you participate in this unique training & exercise.

Finally, please make sure you are working on updating your Municipal Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). One of the most important parts of the plan is the Notification & Resource Manual (NARM). Make sure the contact information in that document is up-to-date! Copies of your updated plans then need to be submitted to our office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks to all of you for everything you do and stay safe!

Kelle



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

On September 1, 2022, the Lycoming County Commissioners signed a proclamation designating September 2022 as National Preparedness Month here in Lycoming County. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) every September, National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities since the tragedies of September 11, 2001 highlighted to the nation the importance of being prepared.

Kelle Robinson spoke at the meeting about the 3 key steps to making your family ready for an emergency: 1. Prepare a disaster kit; 2. Create a Family Emergency Plan, and 3. Know the Hazards in Your Community. For more information on National Preparedness Month, go to www.ready.gov or www.lyco.org, Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency.



PROCLAMATION NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, emergencies in Lycoming County can happen unexpectedly in communities like yours, to people just like you; and

WHEREAS, the entire Lycoming County community can take actions to become prepared to respond to and recover from any natural, or man-made disaster, no matter how big or small, which will help our communities recover more quickly; and

WHEREAS, Lycoming County first responders may not always be able to reach you quickly in an emergency or disaster, and the most important step you can take in helping them is being able to take care of yourself and those in your care following an incident;

WHEREAS, during National Preparedness Month, September 2022, our community members are encouraged to take time to prepare yourself and those in your care for emergencies and disasters that can impact our neighborhoods for days at a time; and

WHEREAS, Lycoming County community members who are prepared to meet any emergencies or disasters can be a positive influence on their neighbors by sharing their preparedness story and encouraging friends, family, and co-workers to be prepared also.

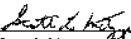
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of County Commissioners of Lycoming County, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

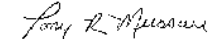
In Lycoming County, and urge our fellow citizens to make sure that you and your family are prepared for an emergency by: 1) Preparing a Disaster Supply Kit, 2) Creating a Family Emergency Plan, and 3) Knowing the Hazards your community is vulnerable to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and seal this 1st day of September, 2022.

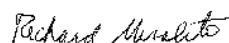
LYCOMING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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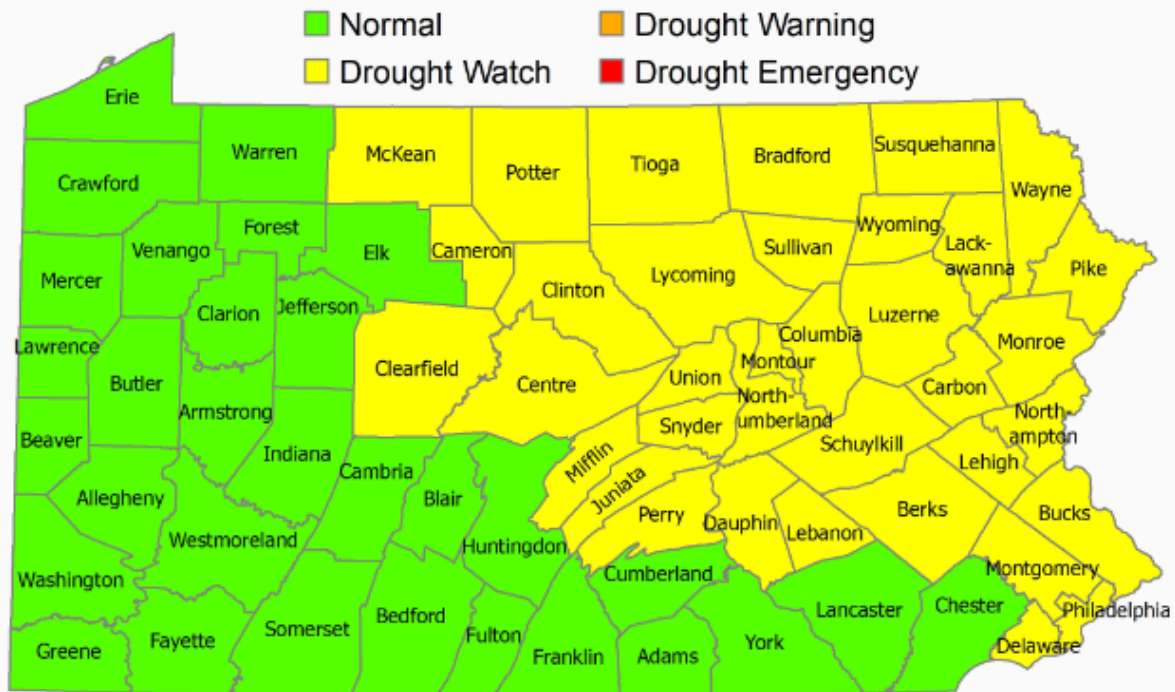


EMA staff accepting Proclamation



DROUGHT WATCH FOR LYCOMING COUNTY

09/01/2022



On August 31st, The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a Drought watch for Lycoming County. Residents on drought watch are asked to reduce their individual water use by 5 to 10%, or a reduction of three to six gallons of water per day. Please visit [DEP's](#) website for more drought information and water saving tips.



On Saturday, June 25, 2022 and Sunday, June 26, 2022, amateur Radio Operators from around the country participated in the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day.

Participants are encouraged to take their equipment to an open area, set up and operate by contacting as many other amateur radio operators as possible. Field Day encourages the setting up of portable antennas and equipment, simulating what ACS (Auxiliary Communications Service) and ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) would do in the field during an emergency.

Lycoming County Amateurs were invited to set up at Indian Park in Montoursville and operate their equipment. Approximately 11 radio operators participated. This year, all of the equipment was operated utilizing battery power only.

Approximately 10 non amateur radio operators stopped by to see what the antennas and equipment were about. Many questions were answered and they were encouraged to check into the amateur radio hobby. Donna Taggart tested during the Field Day exercise and is now licensed as a Technician Class amateur under the call sign KC3UMT. Congrats to Donna.

ACS members participating included John Mummert, Cliff Allen, Dale Brendle, Travis Best, Tom Inman, Shawn Bastian and Bob Brown.



NEW PEMA CERTIFICATION DIRECTIVE

On July 5th, PEMA released Directive 2022-02, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Emergency Management Certification Program. This directive replaces the former 2017 directive. There are several changes to note, as there are only two certification levels and the opportunity for practitioners of emergency management from other public, private, and non-governmental entities. The new requirements for municipal coordinators and their staff are:

Associate	Professional
P-002 Duties & Responsibilities	AWR-401W (THIRA Stakeholder Prep. Review)
P-004 Initial Damage Reporting	AWR-923W (Radiological EM)
P-012 Resource Request Process Training	IS-5 (Intro HazMat)
IS-29 (PIO Awareness)	IS-26 (Guide to Points Distribution)
G-191 (ICS/EOC Interface Workshop)	IS-120 (Intro to Exercises)
IS-230 (Fundamentals of EM)	G-271 (Weather/Flooding Preparedness)
IS-235 (Emergency Planning)	G-290 (Basic Public Info Officer)
IS-1000 (Public Assistance)	G-393 (Mitigation for Emergency Mgrs)
IS-2000 (National Preparedness Goal & System Overview)	IS-922 (Apps of GIS for EM)
IS-2200 (Basic Emer Ops Center Func)	IS-1300 (Intro Continuity of Ops)
IS-2500 (National Prevention Framework, Intro)	K/E-2300 (Intermediate EOC Func)
IS-2600 (National Protection Framework, Intro)	Service at Associate Cert level for one year
IS-2700 (National Mitigation Framework, Intro)	Attend two PEMA or County In-Service Training (IST)
IS-2900 (National Disaster Recovery Framework Overview)	
IS-2901 (Community Lifelines)	
Attend two PEMA or County In-Service Training (IST)	

Appointed municipal coordinators shall complete Associate certification within one year of appointment and Professional certification within three years of appointment. *After obtaining this, certifications will be valid for a period of five (5) years, after which EMC's will need to recertify following a set criteria to maintain your certification to include: 75 continuing education training hours in 3 of the 5 mission areas (Prevent, Protect, Respond, Recover, & Mitigation).*

If you are already in the process of working on your certification, PEMA will allow requests to be submitted under the 2017 Directive until July 5, 2023. Please contact the County EMA office if you have any questions about the new training Directive or would like to see the practitioners of emergency management from other public, private, and non-governmental entities required course listing.

ARXADA EVACUATION EXERCISE HELD IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA

At the end of July 2022, Arxada (formerly Lonza) held evacuation exercises for each of their four shifts. Each shift took turns exercising an ethylene oxide or chlorine release within the Trenton Ave facility that resulted in an evacuation of the site and a community response needed.

Lycoming County EMA assisted with planning and coordinating with outside agencies. Overall, Arxada was able to work through these exercises and came out with valuable action items that they will use to update their emergency operation plan for future events.

3rd CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM SUPPORTS THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

The 3rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (3rd CST) is deployed from Fort Indiantown Gap and specializes in detection/identification of nuclear, radiological, chemical and biological contaminants. This highly trained team is able to mobilize within 90 minutes of being requested in the Commonwealth and only needs a parking lot to set up operations. Along with this, they have capabilities of air monitoring, suspicious package retrieval, and lab processing.

The 3rd CST Team is requested to support the Little League World Series (LLWS) every August. They set up operations in South Williamsport Borough and monitor activities in and around the LLWS complex. While we always plan for the worst case scenario, we hope we never have to use their skills and equipment.





Medical Director Update

August 2022

MONKEY POX:

We've had our first case in North Central PA!

- Viral infection in same family as smallpox and chicken pox
- Incubation from 4 – 21 days
- Prodrome of fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes, back pain, severe fatigue, chills, and myalgias. Typically lasts up to 5 days
- Rash:
 - Begins within 1 – 4 days of the fever; lasts 2 – 3 weeks
 - *May start at contact area before prodrome*
 - More concentrated on face
 - Often palms and soles
 - Can be on mucous membranes, conjunctiva, anus, genitalia
 - *Described as "firm or rubbery, deep seated, well-circumscribed, umbilicated lesions"*
- Rash tends to be in same stage
- Spreads primarily by close contact
- Contagious until rash has healed and all scabs fallen off
- **TESTING:** viral PCR swab from the lesion
- **Key Rash Differences:**
 - Monkeypox: erupts at once, not always generalized
 - Smallpox: face → trunk → extremities
 - Chickenpox: chest/back → rest of body

Monkeypox

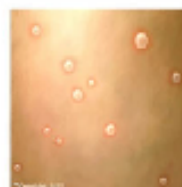
A visual review of the five stages:



Stage 1 – Macule.
The rash starts as flat, red spots (lasts for 1-2 days).



Stage 2 – Papule.
The spots became hard, raised bumps (lasts for 1-2 days).



Stage 3 – Vesicle.
The bumps got larger. They look like blisters filled with clear fluid (lasts for 1-2 days).



Stage 4 – Pustule.
The blisters fill with pus (lasts for 5-7 days).



Stage 5 – Scab.
The spots crust over and become scabs that eventually fall off (lasts for 7-14 days).



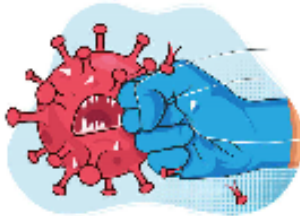
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- Spread:
 - Primary spread by contact
 - Can spread via contact with materials
 - Unclear if respiratory spread
- PPE:
 - Contact precautions (gloves, cover lesions, gown)
 - Close fitting mask



COVID:



Yes, COVID still here. There has been a recent up-tick in cases again. Be vigilant. UPMC still has mask requirements in place in all facilities. Please mask for patient contact and be vigilant.

MEDICATION UPDATES:

Ondansetron ODT will be stocked in the bags after little league, may use per protocol. Consider if patient is difficult to obtain IV or complaining nausea only and not actively vomiting. Onset is usually 20-30 minutes. Ondansetron is safe to be repeated if no improvement but give some time. We will have it over at Little League so consider for patients with minor dehydration, not vomiting a lot who may be good to orally rehydrate.



Link to replay of Major Trauma Protocol presentation from last month is being distributed tonight. Please watch and sign off. Once everyone is signed off, we will place TXA on the ambulance.

Intravenous lorazepam (Ativan) is on severe shortage and may not be available. Please consider alternative route or use midazolam (Versed)

RAIL SAFETY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING HELD IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA

On June 28-30, 2022, North Shore Railroad and Lycoming Valley Railroad hosted the Norfolk Southern Operation Awareness & Response (OAR) Safety Train. Over the course of three days, five 4-hour training sessions were held for local first responders to get free hands-on training. This training included safety around the railroad, understanding rail shipping documents, tank car identification, tank car valves and fittings, locomotive emergencies, and responding to railroad emergencies.

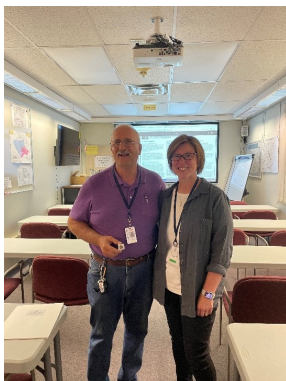


YEARS OF SERVICE PINS RECEIVED

Joe Colucci was appointed as EMC of Cascade Township on May 20, 2002. Joe was presented his 20 years of service pin by County EMA Manager, Kelle Robinson at the June Quarterly Training Meeting.

Chuck Whitford was appointed as EMC of Eldred Township on January 8, 1997. Chuck was presented with a pin to celebrate his 25 years of service by County EMA Manager, Kelle Robinson at the June Quarterly Training Meeting.

Please join us in congratulating Joe and Chuck on this great achievement!



FOG SAFETY

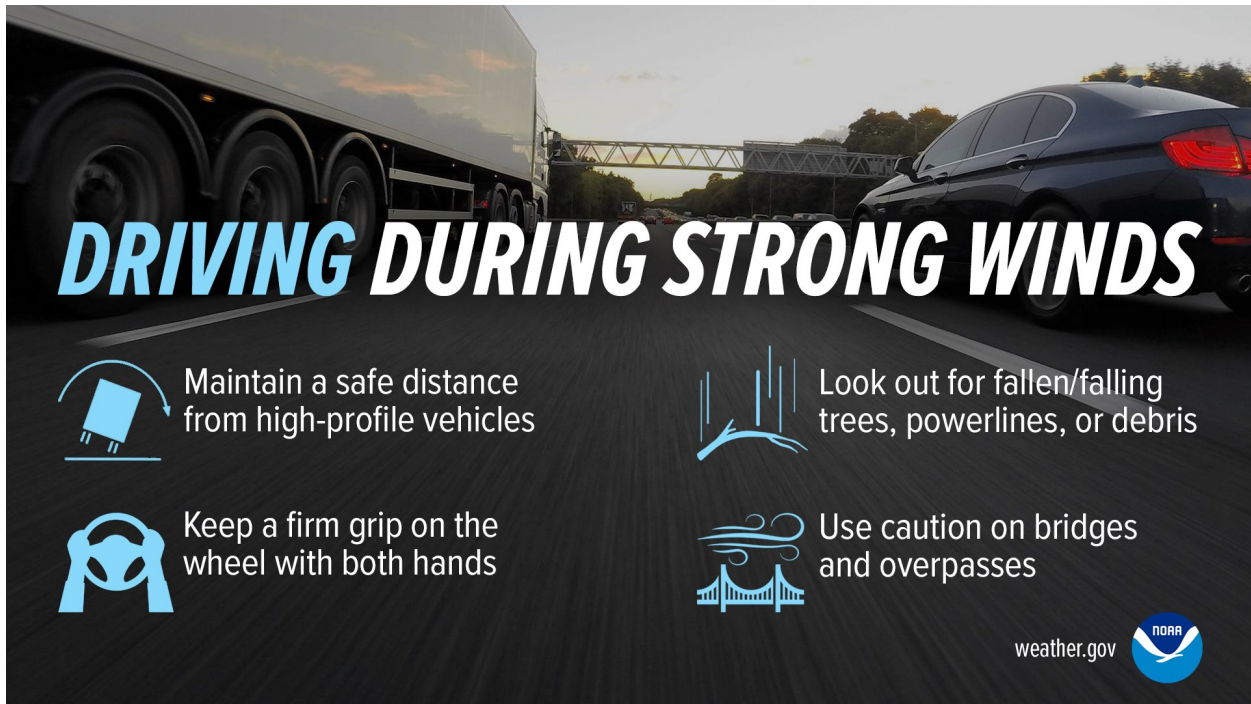
Disabled Vehicle in Dense Fog








1. Pull well onto the shoulder
2. Turn off all lights except "flashers"
3. If possible leave your vehicle and move away from the road



DRIVING DURING STRONG WINDS



-  Maintain a safe distance from high-profile vehicles
-  Keep a firm grip on the wheel with both hands
-  Look out for fallen/falling trees, powerlines, or debris
-  Use caution on bridges and overpasses

weather.gov 

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Fire Service Instructor I

Sept 4, 11, Oct 2, 16, 23, 2022 0800-1700
Classes held at Williamsport Bureau of Fire
Registration deadline: August 25, 2022

Introduction to the Fire Service

Sept 6, 8, 2022 1830-2230
Sept 10, 2022 0800-1700
Classes held at Loyalsock Twp VFC
Registration deadline: Aug 29, 2022

Fire Ground Support

Sept 13, 15, 20, 22, 2022 1830-2230
Sept 17, 24, 2022 0800-1700
Classes held at Loyalsock Twp VFC
Registration deadline: Aug 29, 2022

Emergency Vehicle Drive Training

Sept 13, 14, 2022 1830-2230
Sept 18, 2022 0800-1600
Classes held at Muncy Area VFC
Registration deadline: Sept 3, 2022

Basic Fire Police

Sept 17, 18, 2022 0800-1700
Classes held at Independent Fire Company (South Williamsport)
Registration Deadline: Sept 7, 2022

Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness for First Responders

Sept 21, 2022 1830-2130
Class held at Independent Hose Co. (Jersey Shore)
Registration Deadline: Sept 11, 2022

Educational Methodology For Local Level Instructors

Sept 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2022 0830-1630
Classes held at Lycoming County Department of Public Safety
Registration deadline: Sept 16, 2022

Exterior Firefighting

Sept 27, 29, 2022 1830-2230
Oct 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 2022 1830-2230
Oct 15, 16, 2022 0800-1700
Oct 22, 2022 0800-1200
Classes held at Loyalsock Twp VFC
Registration deadline: Sept 17, 2022

ICS-300

Sept 27, 29, Oct 4, 6, 2022 1800-2200
Oct 1, 2022 0800-1600
Classes held at Hughesville VFC
Registration deadline: Sept 17, 2022

Incident Company System Review

Oct 1, 2022 0800-1400
Class held at Williamsport Regional Airport
Registration deadline: Sept 21, 2022

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

[FEMA IS Training](#)

[NERRTC Online Training](#)

[CDP Online Courses](#)

[Train PA](#)

[PEMA Training Calendar](#)

[PEMA Student Training Manuals](#)

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.

Incident Safety Officer

Oct 8, 9, 2022 0800-1700
Classes held at Old Lycoming VFC
Registration deadline: Sept 28, 2022

ICS-400

Oct 8, 2022 0800-1600
Oct 11, 13, 2022 1800-2200
Classes held at Hughesville VFC
Registration deadline: Sept 28, 2022

Firefighter 1 Testing

Written test: Oct 13, 2022 1830 - held at Old Lycoming VFC
Skills test: Oct 15, 2022 0800—held at CAFCA training grounds
Registration deadline: Sept 30, 2022

Amateur Radio Technician Class

Oct 15, 2022 0830-1500
Class held at Lycoming County Department of Public Safety
Registration deadline: Oct 3, 2022

MAMA Emergency Services Training Weekend

Oct 22, 23, 2022
Registration deadline: Oct 10, 2022

Man vs Machine

Oct 23, 2022 0800-1600
Class held at Duboistown VFC
Registration deadline: Sept 20, 2022

Hazardous Materials Operations Level

Oct 25, 27, 2022 1830-2230
Oct 29, 30, 2022 0800-1700
Classes held at Loyalsock Twp VFC
Registration deadline: Oct 15, 2022

Interior Firefighting: Live Fire Exercises

Nov 1, 3, 8, 10, 2022 1830-2230
Nov 5, 6, 12, 2022 0800-1700
Classes held at Loyalsock Twp VFC
Registration deadline: Oct 24, 2022

EMA training questions can be directed to Paula Young.

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2022 QUARTERLY TRAINING

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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