



# Lycoming County Emergency Management Quarterly

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## COUNTY OF LYCOMING EMA QUARTERLY TRAINING

(Emergency Management Coordinators Serving the Municipalities of  
Lycoming County)

**THURSDAY – MARCH 28, 2024**

**APPRECIATION DINNER**

@

**Hepburn Township Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall**

**615 E. Route 973 Highway**

## From the Director of Public Safety:

We were blessed with an easy winter. There were no major blizzards or ice storms. Let us all hope we are as fortunate during the spring and summer with no disasters or forest fires. Regardless, we should never let our guard down.

You have probably seen or at least spoken to some of our new EMA staff. Starting March 25<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome our new Operations and Training staff member bringing the department to a full compliment. The EMA staff are working tirelessly to get the department, plans, outreach, and trainings updated, refreshed, and ready for service. I am very proud of their accomplishments in a short period of time.

Upcoming projects include further development of our drone program for disaster assessments, a new public mass notification system, and updates to the stream gauge system.

Thank you for everything you do for your communities.

**Hutch**

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# MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY NEWS



Safety and Community Outreach

## Loyalsock Valley Elementary School PTO Spring Festival

**SATURDAY – MAY 11, 2024**

**4-7 p.m.**

**@**

**Community Baptist Church on Route 87**

# LOYALSOCK VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Upper Fairfield Township Emergency Management Agency is assisting the Loyalsock Valley Elementary School PTO with their Spring Festival. Emergency organizations will be available to provide information to the community related to their respective services.

### Organizations involved include:

- Fire
- Local police
- EMS
- Emergency Management
- Pennsylvania State Police
- Williamsport City Police K-9
- Lycoming County Sheriff's Dept.

### Activities and Entertainment include:

Games      Face Painting      Music      Raffles      Food Trucks

**Come Join the Upper Fairfield Emergency Management Agency in  
Support of the Loyalsock Valley Elementary School PTO!**

Information provided by: Scott Winters, Upper Fairfield Township Emergency Management Coordinator

# Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency

Collaborating to Improve Emergency Planning for Vulnerable Populations



David Bjorkman, Karen Starr, Stacey Folk, Amy Cline, Kayla Webb, and Jon Mackey.

The Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency has been collaborating with the Pennsylvania College of Technology and Roads to Freedom Center for Independent Living in the creation of an emergency needs survey that is intended help vulnerable populations in Lycoming County during an emergency or disaster.

“Developing plans for special needs groups can be difficult... because of the problem of identifying individuals with special needs and knowing their specific locations at the time of an emergency... their needs are not recognized and planned for unless they self-identify and state their requirements.”<sup>1</sup> Effective emergency planning requires a whole

community approach. Collaborating with community organizations has allowed the Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency to more accurately identify vulnerable populations and their specific needs, information which is then incorporated into the emergency planning process intended to protect people and mitigate against the loss of life when disasters occur.

However, a special needs survey is just one component in the process of identifying vulnerable populations in terms of emergency planning needs. At the Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency, we intend to continue to strive toward the goal of creating and establishing more effective and efficient plans that promote the safety of everyone in Lycoming County.



Mackenzie Aucker and Jon Mackey.

**Join the Discussion:**

Email [sfolk@lyco.org](mailto:sfolk@lyco.org) to receive information related to community emergency planning meetings.

<sup>1</sup> Barbara Vogt Sorensen, "Populations with Special Needs," ORNL/TM-2006/559 (October 1, 2006).



# Emergency Planning

## EMERGENCY PLAN TEMPLATES:

Being Prepared Means Having A Plan!

Visit the Emergency Management Agency page on [Lyco.org](http://Lyco.org) or contact Jon Mackey at [Jmackey@lyco.org](mailto:Jmackey@lyco.org) to get a template best suited for your planning needs

### Personal Care Home

Red → Please fill in information, as indicated, where red text is present.  
Purple → Examples and instructions to be deleted prior to submission.

### Emergency Operation Plan Template

Prepared By:  
Department of Public Safety  
Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency  
September 2023



### Nursing / Long Term Care Facility

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### Emergency Operation Plan Template

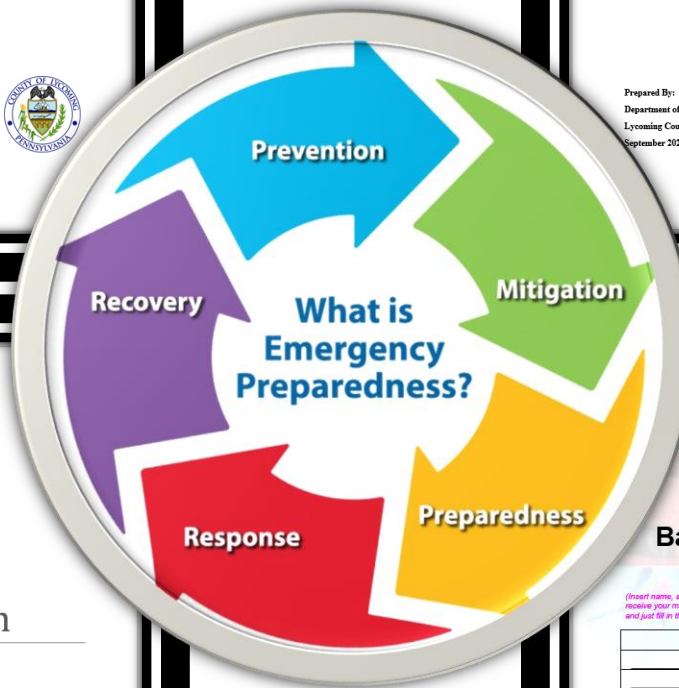
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September 2023



### School Model Emergency Operations Plan

[DISTRICT/SCHOOL] MULTI-HAZARD PLAN

District/School Name  
ADDRESS  
PLAN DATE: (99/99/9999)



### (Name of Facility) Child Care Emergency

### Basic Emergency Plan

(Insert name, address, telephone number and local municipality where you are located. If you receive your mail at a different address, please fill in the right column. If not, write in "none" and just fill in the county. (Philadelphia is a City and a County).)

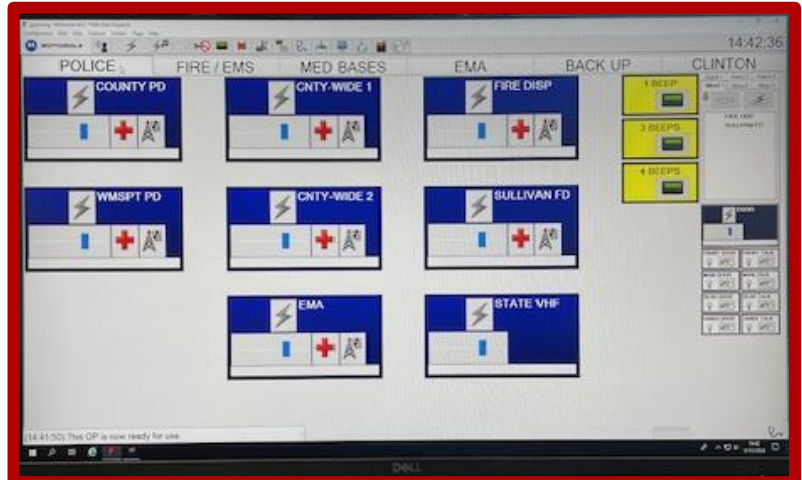
Located at:	Mailing Address:
Township (Borough/City)	County
Date: _____	

NOTE: Items in italics are for explanation and are not designed to be part of the final plan

By numbering the copies of the plan you can keep track of where they all are, and ensure that any changes are distributed to all of the holders. Copy Number \_\_\_\_\_

# LYCOMING COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The 9-1-1 Center staff spent March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> training on new Motorola 7500 radio consoles. The Telecommunicators will work in the backup Center on March 26<sup>th</sup> while the new equipment is installed and tested in the main Center. These radio consoles are part of a multi-year Public Safety radio project that has been underway in Lycoming County. This radio upgrade incorporates eight new tower locations with the existing eight towers. This upgrade will enhance radio coverage throughout Lycoming County and into the response areas of our neighboring counties.



## Challenges...

The 9-1-1 Center faces challenges on a daily basis. These challenges come in the form of Telecommunicator stress, insufficient staffing, incidents that are difficult to handle, technology woes, constant changes in 9-1-1 requirements for training and equipment, and of course, the mental, physical, and financial expense that comes along with all of these challenges. Our most recent "bomb shell" was the news that our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) vendor, that we have had and loved since 2007, is going out of business. Therefore, we are searching for a new system. We have viewed several systems now and are gathering our pro's and con's lists in order to make the best possible decision for the Center.



## What is LTS EMS, and what does LTS EMS do?

Lycoming, Tioga, Sullivan EMS Council, aids the Department of Health by carrying out provisions in PA chapter 35. Each regional EMS council assist the Department of Health in achieving the Statewide and Regional EMS system goals relating to EMS. Additionally, it ensures the reasonable availability of training and continuing education programs for EMS providers as well as advises public safety as well as municipal and county governments on the EMS resources, which includes available resources for dispatching and recommend dispatch criteria developed by the Department of Health or the council as approved by the Department of Health.

LTS EMS currently has 52 EMS agencies (Lycoming 25, Tioga 19, Sullivan 8). Of those agencies, 34 Support QRS (Quick Response Services), 36 Support BLS (Basic Life Support), 1 Supports IALS (Intermediate Advanced Life Support), 5 Support ALS (Advanced Life Support), and 1 supports Critical Care.

LTS EMS currently has 1194 EMS providers (Lycoming 706, Tioga 303, Sullivan 96, Out of State 86) Of those providers, 97 are EMSVO (Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Operator), 98 are EMR (Emergency Medical Responder), 752 are EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), 8 are AEMT (Advanced Emergency Medical Technician), 171 are Paramedic, 26 are PHRN (Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse), 4 are PHPE (Pre-Hospital Physician Extender), 5 are PHP (Pre-Hospital EMS Physician) and 25 are Medical Command Physicians.



Within the last quarter, LTS EMS has hired a new program manager. LTS EMS will be looking to add a new licensure coordinator to their team in the near future. The Department also has a Training and Education Coordinator and a Clerk.

**Left to Right: Norm Robillard (Canadian Critical Care Paramedic and Guest Speaker) Beth and Wally Boyle (EMSNP) Ryan Blee (7 Mts EMS) William Miller (LTS EMS) Bob Carpenter (EMSNP) Sharon Nilson (7 Mts EMS) Rachelle Tippetery (SAEMS) Tim Nilson, Cathy Grimes, Gage Lyons, Laura Rompolski (7 Mts EMS) Deb Mellott (SAEMS).**

We just finished psychomotor testing for 43 EMT students from both PCT and HACC EMT classes that were held in our region. This is the practical testing component required to obtain State and National Certification, the second component will be the completion of the NREMT cognitive written test.

Our staff has been busy this quarter with conducting EMS licensure inspections with 3 of the agencies in our region as well as conducting a Medical Command inspection, in addition to attending the 7 Mountains EMS conference in State College. The staff also supports the MAMA fire school weekend by registering the classes for EMS ConED.



# Williamsport Area School District Opportunities!



## SCHOOL POLICE OFFICERS

The Williamsport Area School District is **accepting applications for School Police Officers (SPOs) for the 2024-2025 school year** to provide law enforcement to the district schools and properties by monitoring and ensuring the safety and security of students, staff and community. Location TBD.

**Requirements of the position:** PA State Police Academy Graduate OR Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) Graduate OR Other Police Officer Certification required. A minimum of 10 years' experience on the PA State Police Force, Municipal Police Force, SPO OR other certified police officer required. CPR and First Aid certified; Weapons Proficiency Qualified AND Current Certification required.

Interested candidates should email a letter of interest and resume to [jobs@wasd.org](mailto:jobs@wasd.org).

### WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ Competitive hourly rate
- ✓ 188-day work year
- ✓ Benefits-eligible



[wasd.org](http://wasd.org)

2780 West Fourth St. | Williamsport, PA 17701





# SAFETY TIPS

## Smoke Alarms

- Test your smoke alarms **EVERY MONTH.**
- Replace the battery **ONCE A YEAR.**
- If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace the battery **IMMEDIATELY.**
- Place smoke alarms on **EVERY** level of your residence.



## Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Anything that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas that can kill.



- Test your Carbon Monoxide detector **EVERY MONTH.**
- Carbon Monoxide detectors should be installed in a central location **OUTSIDE EVERY BEDROOM** and on **EVERY LEVEL** of the home.
- Replace the battery **ONCE A YEAR.**
- Make sure vents for your gas appliances are **CLEAR** of snow or debris.

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held in the Emergency Operation Center at 542 County Farm Road | Suite 101 | Montoursville | PA.

## Municipal In-Service Training

Thursday, June 27, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 26, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 12, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

## Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting (LEPC)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 8:00 am

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 8:00 am

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 8:00 am

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