

# 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 - December 10, 2020 - 7:00 pm**

*(meeting previously scheduled September 24th has been canceled)*

at

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

TOPIC: TBD

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## NOTES FROM THE EMC

Hello, everyone! I hope you and your families are continuing to stay safe and healthy during these difficult times. As things continue to progress during this pandemic, the Department of Public Safety is still working to keep the residents and responders of Lycoming County safe. Fortunately, we have been able to refocus on more of our normal County EMA operations.

Here are some highlights as to what we have been working on:

- As most of you know, the new Flood Ready website was launched in May 2020. The new web address is [floodready.lyco.org](http://floodready.lyco.org). We are also working to replace 2 stream gauges, Barbours and Muncy Creek at the Y. Once parts are received, Keystone Communications will be getting them installed. For 2021, we plan to replace Cedar Run and Little Pine Dam.
- For those who are normally involved, the Bi-Annual Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) EOC & Mon/Decon/Mass Care exercise scheduled for October 2020 has been postponed. The plan is to hold the exercise in October 2021. More info to follow as it becomes available.
- Please make sure you are still 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.
- September is National Preparedness Month. While Emergency Management personnel think about preparedness every day, most of our community members do not. [Ready.gov](http://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.



We truly do hope to be able to see all of you at our meeting in December! Enjoy the fall!!

**Kelle**

## NEW MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS

Lycoming County EMA would like to announce two new municipal emergency management coordinators to our community.

Mark Killian was appointed EMC for the City of Williamsport in July of 2020.

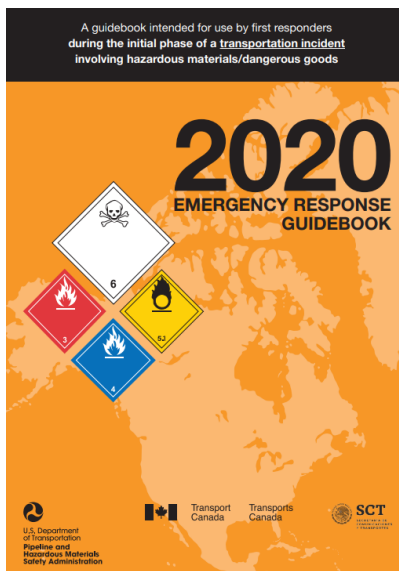


Joan Sechrist was appointed EMC for McNett Township in July of 2020.

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

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK 2020

The 2020 edition of the Emergency Response Guidebook is in! The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency determined the allotment of books Lycoming County has received. Our office has contacted local municipal EMC's, Lycoming County Fire Stations, and Lycoming County Police Agencies. Please contact the office or stop out to the Department of Public Safety at 542 County Farm Road to pick up your copies if you have not done so already.



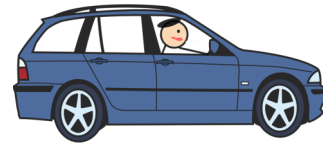
### ERG 2020 Mobile App

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has developed a free, mobile web app of its Emergency Response Guidebook 2020 (ERG).

[ERG 2020 for Android](#)  
[ERG 2020 for iPhone](#)  
[ERG 2020 PDF computer file](#)

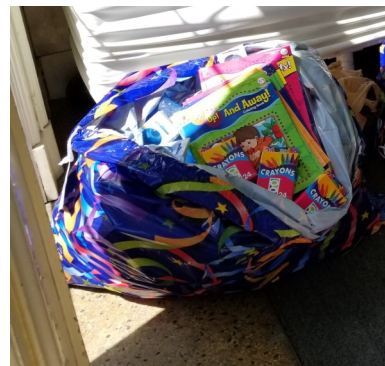
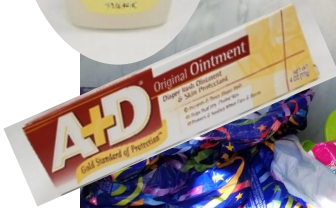
Please see the [Disclaimer Statement](#) for using these electronic files. For more information regarding the Emergency Response Guidebook 2020, please visit: [phmsa.dot.gov](http://phmsa.dot.gov).

# EMA IN ACTION



## EMA Coordinates Supply Donation to YWCA

On June 17th, Kelle Robinson delivered baby and toddler care items to Kahlie DeHotman, who accepted the donation on behalf of the YWCA - Liberty House at 815 W. 4th St., Williamsport, PA 17701.



## **Lycoming County Amateur Radio Operators Participate in American Red Cross Communications Drill**

On Saturday 05/30/2020, The Eastern PA Section (EPA) of the ARRL, under the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) banner, participated in a drill with the American Red Cross. The inclusion of Amateur Radio operators in the drill was to demonstrate the capabilities of Amateur radio to transmit ARC forms via Amateur radio in digital format. This would give the ARC another option of communication in the event of the failure of their normal means of communications, such as phone, fax, email, etc.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, Amateurs operated from their homes. They were assigned to "Shelters" named for the Municipality in which they lived. Prior to the drill, the amateurs were provided three (3) ARC forms - (Form 6409 Disaster Requisition, ARC Daily Shelter Report, ARC Staff Request) in digital format that were compatible with FIDigi / FIMsg software, which is utilized by Amateurs to transmit common forms used in Emergency Management, such as ICS forms.

The drill started at 0900 hours. The drill was broken into two (2) stages, Stage A ran from 0900-1130 hours and included transmission of shelter stations to the Collection station and then forwarding from the County Collection station the ARRL Section station. Four (4) amateurs participated as shelter stations, N3ZIO – Dale Brendle (Montgomery Borough), KB3IPZ – Bob Brown (Montoursville Borough), KC8T – Tom Inman (Loyalsock Twp) & WJ3OM - John Mummert (Williamsport). WJ3OM – John Mummert also acted as the Lycoming County Collection station. W3TMB – Travis Best (Jersey Shore) provided technical assistance. The ARC forms were sent using 2m simplex (147.540 mhz) as well as 2m repeater (145.450 ACS Huntersville, PA). Once compiled, the forms were sent to the ARRL EPA section station WN3LIF – W.T. Jones (Duryea, PA) via

Winlink (a system that provides email via radio). Note that Winlink is utilized by the ARC as well as Amateur Radio.



## Lycoming County Amateur Radio Operators Participate in American Red Cross Communications Drill cont...

Stage 2 began at 1200 hours and ran until approximately 1600 hours. This stage included the transmission of the info from each ARRL section collection station to the ARC Clearinghouse station via Winlink. The Division Clearinghouse station was N0AXZ, Bill McFarland (Columbia, MO).

Travis Best W3TMB directly transmitted an ICS-213 form via Winlink to the EPA Section Collection Station.

68 Amateur Radio operators participated from 19 Counties in the Eastern PA Section, and transmitted 198 messages successfully. Lycoming County had 5 participants.

## County EMA Office is Requesting Updated Day Care Plans

We are in the process of reviewing our records pursuant to:

**Title 35, Chapter 77, Section 7701, (g) Plans** - - *Every school district and custodial child care facility, in cooperation with the local Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, shall develop and implement a comprehensive disaster response and emergency preparedness plan consistent with the guidelines developed by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and other pertinent State requirements. The plan shall be reviewed annually and modified as necessary. A copy of the plan shall be provided to the county Emergency Management Agency. (July 13, 1988, P.L. 501, No. 87, eff. imd.; July 13, 2004, P.L. 689, No. 73, eff. 60 days)*



Check out the [Child Care/Day Care Facility Toolkit](http://pema.pa.gov) at pema.pa.gov for a guide and templates.

## FALL SAFETY

### Fall Activities and COVID-19

As we continue into the fall months, kids are ready to go back to school! However, this has created new health concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Regardless if you choose to send your children back to school or home school them, please read the CDC guidelines regarding [Schools and Childcare Programs](#).

### [Autumn Health and Safety Tips](#)



### Scald Prevention from The National Fire Protection Association

A scalding injury can happen at any age. Children, older adults and people with disabilities are especially at risk. Hot liquids from bath water, hot coffee and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries. In fact, approximately every 60 seconds someone in the U.S. sustains a burn injury serious enough to require treatment.

Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries. Click on [Scald Prevention](#) for safety tips. Visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) for more Burn Awareness information.

## FALL SAFETY continued...

### Severe Weather

Severe weather can happen at anytime, in any part of they country. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding, and winter storms associated with freezing rain, sleet, snow and strong winds.



Everyone should know type of hazardous weather that affects you and your family where you live and develop an emergency plan based on your local weather hazards.

Local weather hazards included in the Lycoming County Emergency Operations Plan:

- Floods, Flash Floods, & Ice Jams
- Winter Storms (including snow & ice storms)
- Tornadoes & Wind Storms
- Thunderstorms & Hail
- Droughts & Water Supply Deficiencies
- Power Outages

The top severe weather risk in Lycoming County is flash flooding. Please take some time with your family to discuss your personal risks and make an emergency plan. Build a kit to that meets your family's need. Make sure you review both your plan and kit regularly as risks and family dynamics change.

Check out the [Severe Weather Social Media Toolkit](#) at Ready.gov.





# Are you ReadyPA?

TIP SHEET

## Hurricanes and Tropical Storms During COVID-19

### Annual Hurricane Season

June

July

August

September

October

November

Tropical systems have a long history of bringing significant river and flash flooding to Pennsylvania. These storms can also bring a variety of additional hazards such as damaging winds and tornadoes. Here are some tips to better prepare for Hurricane Season while living in a new COVID-19 environment.

### Hurricane Season with COVID-19 To Do's

To do...



#### Know Your Risk

Hurricane hazards can impact everyone—understand your threat for river and flash flooding, strong wind, and tornadoes.



#### Develop an Evacuation Plan

Make a plan for two ways out of town—plan for short and long-term stays. Consider how your evacuation or sheltering plans may need to change due to the pandemic. Remember to wear your mask and social distance.



#### Assemble Disaster Supplies

Prepare a disaster kit and include items that can help protect you and others from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, bar or liquid soap, disinfectant wipes, and two cloth face coverings for each person.



#### Get an Insurance Check-Up

Make sure your insurance policy covers all hazards, especially flooding which is most often not covered by homeowners or renters insurance.



#### Help Your Neighbor

When you check on neighbors and friends, be sure to follow social distancing recommendations (staying at least 6 feet from others) and take precautions to protect yourself and others.



#### Complete an Emergency and Communications Plan

Understand your plan may be different because of the need to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Write it all down and keep it in a safe place.

# Holiday Safety Tips



## LET'S TALK TURKEY

Unsafe handling and under-cooking your holiday bird can cause foodborne illnesses. Here are a few tips from the USDA to keep your Thanksgiving safe and delicious!

Types of turkeys regulated by the USDA:



\*For more information about each type of turkey, visit [fsis.usda.gov](http://fsis.usda.gov).

### 3 WAYS TO THAW

While frozen, a turkey is safe indefinitely. As soon as it begins to thaw, bacteria that may have been present before freezing will begin to grow again. Here are three ways to safely thaw your bird:

**Refrigerator:**  
Safe to store the turkey for another 1 – 2 days in the refrigerator.  
This is the USDA recommended thawing method.

**How to thaw:**  
Allow approximately 24 hrs. for every 4-5lbs of bird.



**Cold water:**  
Cook immediately after thawing.

**How to thaw:**  
Submerge the bird in cold water & change every 30 mins.



**Microwave:**  
Cook immediately after thawing.



**How to thaw:**  
Use defrost function based on weight

For more information on safe thawing methods, visit [fsis.usda.gov](http://fsis.usda.gov)

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
It's safe to cook a frozen turkey though cooking time will be 50% longer!



## Clean



Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water.

Utensils, Plates, Countertops, Cutting boards } SHOULD ALSO BE WASHED

Bacteria, which can be present inside and outside a turkey, can't be washed off the bird! Cooking is the only way to destroy this potentially dangerous bacteria.

**SO DON'T WASH YOUR TURKEY!!**

## SEPARATE



Separate raw turkey from fresh food, and use separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils.

Keep dishes that touch raw food separate, too!

Wash items that touch raw meat with soap and warm water.

## COOK



Your bird is not safe until it reaches 165 °F — you cannot tell by the color.

Remember to ensure any stuffing cooked with the bird reaches 165 °F, too!

Use three places to check the temperature.

- Thickest part of breast
- Innermost part of wing
- Innermost part of thigh

When turkey is removed from the oven, let it stand 20 minutes before carving to allow juices to settle.

## CHILL

Take your time around the dinner table, but refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours!

Safe in fridge 3-4 days

Safe frozen, but use within 2-6 months for best quality.



Leftover turkey should be cut into smaller pieces, and store items separately in smaller containers.

Be sure to pack leftovers in a cooler if traveling.

Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 °F.

Remember, bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses can't be smelled or tasted!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Visit [foodsafety.gov](http://foodsafety.gov)

If you have a specific question, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHOTLINE or visit [AskKaren.gov](http://AskKaren.gov). Visit [PregunteleaKaren.gov](http://PregunteleaKaren.gov) for questions in Spanish.





## 2020 PREPAREDNESS CALENDAR



**JAN**

Resolve To Be Ready  
Winter Safety



**FEB**

Central U.S. Earthquake  
Awareness Month



**MAR**

"It's Not Luck" Campaign  
Severe Weather  
National Tsunami Awareness Week  
Flood Safety



**APR**

National Financial Capability Month  
Spring Safety



**MAY**

Wildfire Safety/National Community  
Preparedness Day  
National Building Safety Month  
National Hurricane Preparedness Week  
National Dam Safety Day



**JUN**

Pet Preparedness Month  
Summer Safety/Extreme Heat  
National Lightning Safety  
Awareness Week



**JUL**

Fireworks Safety  
Extreme Heat



**AUG**

Back to School -  
Children & Youth Preparedness



**SEP**

National Preparedness Month  
9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance  
Fall Safety



**OCT**

Cyber Security Awareness Month  
National Community Planning Month  
Fire Prevention/National Fire  
Prevention Week  
Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills



**NOV**

Holiday Safety



**DEC**

National Influenza Vaccination Week  
Winter Safety  
Holiday Safety  
Resolve To Be Ready

For links to social media toolkits and key messaging and topics please visit: [ready.gov/calendar](https://ready.gov/calendar).  
Social media toolkits include: flood safety, wildfires, hurricanes, extreme heat, National Preparedness Month,  
youth preparedness and more. Find toolkits at [ready.gov/toolkits](https://ready.gov/toolkits).

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## 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.

### **\*DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMC**

***Thursday, October 8, 2020 6:30pm-8:30pm, Dept of Public Safety, 542 County Farm Rd.***

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRE SERVICE**

***Tuesday, October 6, 2020 6:30pm-10:30pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

***Thursday, October 8, 2020 6:30pm-10:30pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

***Saturday, October 10, 2020 8:00am-4:00pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

### **\*INITIAL DAMAGE REPORTING**

***Thursday, October 29, 2020 6:30pm-9:30pm, Dept of Public Safety, 542 County Farm Rd.***

### **FIRE GROUND SUPPORT**

***Tuesday, October 13, 2020 6:30pm-10:30pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

***Thursday, October 15, 2020 6:30pm-10:30pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

***Saturday, October 17, 2020 8:00am-4:00pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

***Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:30pm-10:30pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

***Thursday, October 22, 2020 6:30pm-10:30pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

***Saturday, October 24, 2020 8:00am-4:00pm, Picture Rocks VFC, 180 N. Main St.***

### **ETHANOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE WEBINAR**

This can be taken anywhere there's a computer with internet access!

Register at [www.transcaer.com](http://www.transcaer.com) Pick **one** day and time

***Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:00am-1:00pm, Eastern Daylight Time***

***Wednesday, September 16, 2020 1:00pm-5:00pm, Eastern Daylight Time***

***Wednesday, October 14, 2020 6:00pm-10pm, Eastern Daylight Time***

***Thursday, October 15, 2020 1:00pm-5:00pm, Eastern Daylight Time***

***Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:00am-1:00pm, Eastern Daylight Time***

***Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:00pm-5:00pm, Eastern Daylight Time***

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

[PEMA Training and Exercises](#)

[TRAIN PA](#)

[FEMA Emergency Management Institute](#)



EMA training questions can be directed to Paula Young.

Paula Young

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Lycoming County Department of Public Safety

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## **2020 QUARTERLY TRAINING**

December 10      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.

### **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 any time.

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