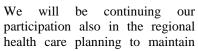# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This the emergency management department worked in collaboration with the police chief, road agent, town administrator state emergency management office and a representative of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee regional Planning Commission to complete a revision of the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This involves weather and disaster history for the town, a review of public events, a review and threat assessment for natural and man-made incidents and then formulating plans to be prepared to respond to these incidents. We completed the review and have submitted the plan to the office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for approval.

This year we plan on applying for a grant to complete a revision of the town's Emergency Operation Plan which is based on federal and state templates and details the type of responses necessary for natural and man-made disasters occurring in Canaan. The plan details the roles and responsibilities of Canaan officials as we respond to an event. Among the response frameworks are plans for responding to floods, windstorms, large scale fires, hazardous material incidents and other events. The revised plan will provide updates , and delineate the roles of all town employees as we respond to an incident in Canaan.

Both plans are fundamental parts of applying for state and federal aid in recovery events and for applying for additional funding for emergency planning and equipment. Local funds from emergency management accounts were used to partially fund the purchase of 3 propane emergency generators for the fire and police stations and the highway garage so all 3 facilities will be operational during an emergency with electrical power to provide heat, lights, power, communications equipment and possibly shelter residents.

We will be continuing our participation also in the regional health care planning to maintain Canaan as the location of a "POD", a point of distribution center for the Mascoma Valley in the event of another health emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

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