

## **PAWLET EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2015**

The Town of Pawlet Emergency Management Team of Robert Morlino, Jay Luebke and Elizabeth Gibson completed over 100 hours of training in 2015. In addition the Select Board, Treasurer and Town Clerk completed ICS 402 training (Incident Command for Senior Executives). This course explains the role of town officials in times of disaster and is a requirement for a signature of the town's annual submission of the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

The Town was also represented at 7 LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meetings during the year held at various locations throughout Rutland County.

Major accomplishments in 2015 are as follows:

- With the help of Vermont Emergency Management we successfully instituted the VTAlert phone notification system for the Town of Pawlet. This system has over 900 phone numbers which can be mass dialed to inform residents of town-wide emergencies and give instructions to remain safe. The system was successfully tested in March 2015 and will be tested again in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016.
- Received a \$28,000 grant for a radio repeater which was installed on town property. The repeater serves to enhance communication for emergency management, the town highway department and the Pawlet Fire Department.
- A \$67,000 Hazard Mitigation Grant was submitted to FEMA for a generator for the Mettawee Community School. If granted, the American Red Cross Shelter will have the ability to house people during a major power outage. In addition the Emergency Management team would use the school as the Town Emergency Operations Center. We expect to receive word from Vermont Emergency Management/FEMA in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.
- American Red Cross training for 12 shelter volunteers for the School shelter was completed in 2015.

- Jay Luebke and Bob Morlino attended the Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference in October.

Anyone interested in joining the Emergency Management Team can contact Bob Morlino (RobertM850@aol.com) for information.

<b>2015-2016</b>		<b>2016-2017</b>
<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>YTD ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>
<b>\$2000</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$2000</b>

Respectfully submitted, Robert Morlino, Emergency Management Director