

# **Pawlet Emergency Management**

## **Annual Report 2017**

2017 was a busy year for the emergency management team. The July 1 rain/flood event led to a partial activation of the towns emergency operations plan. Flood damage to state roads was reported to the State Emergency Operations Center during the height of the flooding. As a result of these reports to Vtrans, the State replaced 3 undersized culverts on Route 133 a few months after the storm.

In addition, 200 sand bags were deployed at the Mill Pond with the help of the Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department and other volunteers. Both the West Pawlet and Pawlet Volunteer Fire Departments were deployed for road closures. The town highway crew repaired two roads which had washouts. This damage led to filing an application for Public Assistance with FEMA. Since the flood, four meetings have been taken place with FEMA to complete the application. Reimbursement for damage is expected in 2018.

Pawlet Emergency Management was successful in obtaining a FEMA grant for base station radios for the towns Emergency Operations Center (EOC). As a result of this, and the new generator installed at the Mettawee Community School, the Pawlet Emergency Operations Center is now located at the school. An open house will be planned for the spring.

Various training was accomplished in 2017:

- DLAN training – Internet based system for Pawlet EOC to contact Vermont EOC. R. Morlino, J. Luebke
- ICS – 400 and GO 191. R. Morlino

- RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) training. J. Luebke
- EC- 101 (Emergency Communications) J. Luebke
- IS- 317 (Intro to CERT) J. Luebke

Attended four EMD roundtable meetings and 7 LEPC meetings.

Also attended the Vermont State Emergency Preparedness Conference in Fairlee, VT. J. Luebke, R. Morlino

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