

Pawlet Emergency Management Director

Annual Report 2013

During this first full year as Emergency Management Director we accomplished a great deal in terms of organizing the Town of Pawlet for preparation and response to large scale disasters. Two people have been added to the team: Jay Luebke has accepted the position of Emergency Management Coordinator and Elizabeth Gibson is the Public Information Officer (all positions are volunteers).

To exercise our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) we have elected to take part in the Statewide Catastrophic Exercise II which will held during the first week in June. This will require a coordinated effort between Pawlet Emergency Management, the two fire departments and Vermont Emergency Management during a simulated disaster in Pawlet. In anticipation of this exercise we will have a tabletop exercise in Pawlet in January with the following agencies taking part:

- Vermont State Police
- Vermont Emergency Management
- Pawlet Fire Dept.
- West Pawlet Fire Dept.
- Pawlet Highway dept.
- Vermont Dept. of Health
- American Red Cross
- Granville Rescue
- Washington County Dept. of Public Safety
- Mettawee Community School
- Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- PSAP (911 operators)

In 2013 we updated the Pawlet Emergency Operations Plan and received Select Board approval for same. In addition the following activities were completed:

- Hosted a Rutland County Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) meeting in Pawlet.
- Attended 9 LEPC meetings in Rutland County (J.Luebke and R.Morlino).
- Prepared and completed a tabletop exercise in Pawlet.
- Completed the National Incident Management System (NIMS) survey for the Town of Pawlet.
- Arranged for an Incident Command System -100 course to be taught in Pawlet.
- Met with Washington County Department of Public Safety to review the Pawlet Emergency Operations Plan.

- Met with the American Red Cross (Rutland) to assess their capabilities and review the Pawlet EOP.
- Developed a Pawlet Emergency Management Facebook page to disseminate alerts to towns people who use social media. Also added a Pawlet Emergency Management page to the Town website. (E. Gibson)
- Took part in 5 weather briefing conference calls.
- In conjunction with Clarence Decker prepared 4 hazard mitigation grants for the replacement of culverts to prevent future road washouts.

The following training was completed in 2013:

J.Luebke – ICS 100, ICS 300, ICS 700, DisasterLAN,

R.Morlino – ICS 300, ICS 42, IS 2900, Army Aviation Support Group, IED Workshop.

E.Gibson – ICS 100.

- 2014 Budget is \$1500.