

**Office of Emergency Management
Year End Report
2012**

Major Incidents

There was one major event this year, Super Storm Sandy. This weather event caused more disruption within the Borough than any other event. Power outages were sustained for extended periods of time. Schools were closed due to the numerous downed power lines. Many roads were not passable.

The Borough Emergency Operating Center was staffed and opened. Accurate information as to power outage numbers and locations from First Energy were found to be less than accurate. Estimated time of restoration of power was not available. Borough staff began to do surveys and developed our own maps.

Due to lack of power a major issue was the dissemination of information to our residents.

Once power was determined to be off the Borough Department of Public Works cleared roadways.

Our Library and Churches served as reception and charging stations for many residents who were without power.

Due to the large power outages, feeding our workers and volunteers became an issue. The Chatham Borough Fire Department did an outstanding job in taking over this large task.

Planning

- Continued the practice of conference calls with the Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross in preparation for anticipated storm activity
- Attended a Borough Staff meeting in preparation for anticipated storm activity
- Planned with the Board of Health and CERT members for the Annual Flu Clinic
- Reviewed the Garden Terrace Nursing Home Emergency Operating Report

Operating Plan

The Chatham Borough Emergency Operating Plan was submitted to the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management for review. The plan was approved in June, 2011. The plan continues to be updated as conditions require.

Emergency Operating Center

This year the Emergency Operating Center was activated for storm related activity. The Operating Center is used to coordinate activities between the Borough Police, Department of Public Works and the Fire Department. We also coordinate between the Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Crosse and various Morris County and State Agencies.

Community Emergency Response Team

- The CERT members continue to meet monthly, except for July and August.
- This year, CERT members were in the line of march for the 4th of July Parade
- The CERT members assisted at the annual Flu Clinic sponsored by the Board of Health.
- All CERT members were trained in CPR and in the use of an automatic external defibrillator.
- Each year the team continues to update their first aid and CPR skills.
- The CERT members continue to use an emergency notification system for activation

Education

- Attended Coordinators seminars hosted by the Morris County Office of Emergency Management
- Attended the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association
 - Respirator fit testing
 - National Weather Service training
 - Utility Infrastructure safety
 - FBI Crisis training
 - Hurricane Preparedness training
- Attended a Planning Seminar for conducting Damage Assessment Exercises
- Attended a Public Safety Gas & Electric Safety Training Session
- Attended a Leadership and Mentoring Training Program

Goals

- Relocate the Emergency Operating Center to the third floor Council Meeting room.
 - More room for emergency personnel to operate
- Build a volunteer workforce database
 - Block Captains to help keep residents informed
 - Reception Center staffing
 - Food preparation assistance
- Develop an easy to follow Operation Manual for the Emergency Operating Center

- Continue to build on the CERT
 - Monthly training reviews and updates
 - Increase their first aid and CPR skills
 - Build on teamwork
 - Recruit new members

- Continue my education in relation to Emergency Management
 - Seminars
 - Training classes
 - County meetings

- Continue to review and maintain our Emergency Operating Plan

- Utilize the Borough Web site and Bulletin Board to keep our residents informed

- Utilize the Morris County Notification System, Everbridge, to keep Borough residents advised in emergency situations

- Continue to use the Morris County Emergency Reporting System E-Team to keep surrounding towns along with County and State Agencies updated during emergency events.

Summary 2011 vs. 2012

	2011	2012	% Change
<u>Incidents</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-66%</u>
<u>BB Notifications</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>+6.25%</u>
<u>Training</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>+25%</u>
<u>E-Team Notification</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>-5.25%</u>
<u>Meetings</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>+32.5%</u>
<u>Hours General</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>+26.25%</u>
<u>Hours Incidents</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>+7%</u>
<u>Hours Meetings</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>+120%</u>

Comments

Once again, I would like to thank all of the elected and appointed officials, department heads, and the Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross who assisted me with Emergency Management. They are a valuable and dedicated resource to the Borough and our citizens. The goals of Emergency Management are constantly changing and our Emergency Operating Plan is undergoing constant revision. I am looking forward to continuing this process for our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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Coordinator