

Annual Report of the Emergency Management Director

The Town's Emergency Management Director (EMD) is responsible to ensure all town staff and equipment resources are suitably prepared to respond to requests for emergency services during storms, natural and man-made disasters, pre-planned events, and any other emergency incident that requires the services of local public safety officials. In addition, the director cooperatively manages the regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), implements the Town's emergency management plan, supervises the operations of the emergency operations center, develops and manages disaster related reimbursement documents, responds to emergency incidents, manages community education and outreach efforts, writes and manages public safety grant applications, acts as a liaison with Federal, State, and County emergency management agencies and utility companies, and develops town wide emergency management standard operating response guidelines.

During the year, the Brewster Office of Emergency Management received a \$2,900 Emergency Management Performance (EMPG) Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This grant provided partial funding for a tabletop training exercise for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), department heads, and several regional emergency management and fire department partners. In addition to this session, multiple members of the LEPC attended training courses hosted by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency on the use of the Incident Command System during emergency events and the operational functions of an Emergency Operations center (EOC).

Throughout 2022 members of the Brewster/Orleans/Chatham/Harwich Regional Community Emergency Response Team (BOCH CERT) continued to play instrumental roles in providing operational, logistical, and administrative support at several local and regional events including Town meetings and elections, Brew Run, First Light Beach events, flu clinics, Council-on-Aging food distribution, and several other pre-planned community activities. The CERT Team applied for and was awarded a State grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to fund the purchase of safety and extreme weather clothing for members and the acquisition of an enclosed trailer to transport equipment to the various events they support. The Town of Brewster is providing administrative support for this grant. The Office of Emergency Management is extremely appreciative of the outstanding efforts of these well-trained, professional, and dedicated community volunteers who provide exemplary services to our residents on a daily basis.

To ensure a collaborative and cooperative approach to preserving the safety of our residents was sustained throughout the year the Local Emergency

Planning Committee members continued to meet as required. In addition, the Town's Public Safety Team consisting of the Town Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief, DPW Director, Water Superintendent, and Building Commissioner also continued to meet on a monthly basis to discuss the operational condition of each department, storm preparation, training programs, recognized townwide safety issues, planned community events, and the status of proposed and/or ongoing development or construction related projects within Town.

Managing the response of town resources to emergencies, disasters, and pre-planned events is a dynamic and challenging process that requires many highly trained and capable employees who make up the foundation of our town's emergency management activities. A list of the personnel assigned to the Local Emergency Planning Committee follows below.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Members

Peter Lombardi	Heath Eldredge	Robert Moran (EMD)
Paul Anderson	Amy von Hone	Griffin Ryder
Denise Rego	Mimi Bernardo	Kirk Rounseville
Chris Miller	Kathy Lambert	Tom Thatcher
Sherrie McCullough	Davis Walters	Lisa Vitale
Donna Kalinick	Sue Broderick	James Jones
Kevin Varley	Charles Mawn	