

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The year was relatively quiet for the emergency management department except for the time surrounding “Super Storm Sandy” this fall. We have been fortunate in not experiencing the extreme effects of the severe hurricane type storms such as Sandy or Irene. Irene gave us a taste of what we could experience should the storm path or intensity just be altered a bit. With this in mind it is well worth the effort to check individual preparations for protection of homes, family and property.

During Sandy we activated our emergency operations center through the fire station and responded to wires down in many locations. We were able to respond to all requests and track our resources and personnel through the incident command system. Following these procedures we were able to complete our missions.

For community members seeking to be better prepared for emergency situations we recommend doing some research on the FEMA website at [www. ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) which has links and information on personal and family preparedness. Another site to check is the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management for information.

We also continue to participate in the Regional Core Committee planning effort which coordinates the regional response to health emergencies in the Upper Valley.



Respectfully submitted,

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