

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This year we updated the Canaan Emergency Operations Plan to bring it in line with national and state frameworks for emergency response to natural and human caused incidents in our town. These frameworks give us an organizational procedure for calling in personnel and equipment for responses to storms, floods, fires or other disasters within our jurisdiction. It details roles, responsibilities and organizational structures for local response and enables us to interact with state and federal agencies should the severity of an incident require it. There are details relating to pre-planning and preparation, management during an incident and steps for recovery, sheltering and restoration of services to town and residential properties.



To complete the project we engaged the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office with our local liaison and the services of Map and Planning Solutions to complete the plan update. We received input from the fire, police, and highway and water departments, town administration, and ambulance service. The time put in by these departments enabled us to meet a grant matching goal of 100 local personnel hours and kept us eligible for a NHHSM grant to

cover the expenses of having MAPS complete the EOP templates for us for the emergency support functions. By having the plan completed and filed with NHHSEM (NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management), we maintain our eligibility for FEMA reimbursements during post-disasters activities and for other FEMA grants to provide for more equipment for our emergency services.

In 2015 we will be submitting another grant request to provide communications equipment for the Canaan Emergency Operations Center located in the large meeting of the police/ambulance addition.

Respectfully submitted,

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