

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2015 we saw the progressive completion of the first ever Canaan Emergency Operations Center and training facility at the Canaan Emergency Services Complex. The interior of the training room was completed with carpeting, paint, lighting and necessary wiring to create a functional room to be used in managing emergencies in Canaan. A riser platform, podium, chairs, tables and a new 48 KW generator are all currently set up and being used. The electronics for running the emergency operations center are on order and will be fully functional in the near future. We will be receiving a large screen smart TV, a “Smart Board,” Tablets or laptops to enable the emergency responders working in the operations center to manage many of the informational, logistical and communications requirements for events similar to the ones experienced during Hurricane Irene. The technical equipment and design is the result of a grant obtained for the town by Deputy Emergency Management Director Sam Frank and our New Hampshire Emergency Management Field representative Paul Hatch. They worked together to complete all the details necessary for us to receive the equipment. This room will also be used for training for the towns emergency services.

The emergency management department will be working with the Selectmen and NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management to complete a revised Hazard Mitigation Plan for the town. This plan will analyze the possible natural and human hazards to Canaan and means of trying to mitigate the effects of these hazards. Completion and submission of the plan will keep us in compliance for receiving grants for equipment and reimbursement for some of the expenses for the many types of storms which hit our region.

Respectfully submitted,

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