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It was a busy year for the Rodent Control Program. We again surpassed \$20,000.00 in revenues while providing more free service to all the Island towns.

The program to trap, identify and test mosquitos from the entire Island for West Nile Virus and EEE; Eastern Equine Encephalitis was started in Late June 2008. Thankfully no infected vector mosquitos were found.

This project was equally funded by the 6 Island towns with the State providing traps, test tubes, mailing materials, freeze packs, postage and testing fees and the County Integrated Pest management Director doing the work. The trapping program will be duplicated for the summer of 2009. The state has donated 2 more traps and the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Industrial Arts program has built 15 resting boxes to help capture more mosquitos for testing.

The Rodent Control Department sponsored a free continuing education seminar on May 8, 2009 featuring; Taryn S. La Scola, Supervisory inspector, Dept. of Agricultural Resources; Ellen P. Bidlack, Entomologist, Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project; Priscilla Collins Matton, Entomologist/Wet Land Coordinator, Bristol County Mosquito Control and Jeffery R. O'Neill, Central Life Sciences / Zoecon Professional Products.

I wish too thank the voters of Dukes County for there support of the new Integrated Pest Management Program funding schedule.

Sincerely,

T.J. Hegarty, County of Dukes County Integrated Pest & Rodent Management.