

2009

This year, the Dukes County Emergency Management Agency made significant efforts to improve its services to the County Infrastructure and to partner with other Island Government and Non-Government entities.

There was no significant hurricane or winter storm activity on Martha's Vineyard this year.

This year, the department continued the program that invited County employees to sign up for emails that relate to emergency management issues. These messages are delivered by email and contain information about impending storm conditions. This method of message delivery is also designed to be an employee coordination system for incidents such as Pandemic Plan implementation and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) implementation. Although there was no significant hurricane or winter storm activity this year, alerts were sent out to warn of impending threats of severe weather events along with information bulletins for preparing for these events

The County Emergency Management Agency partnered with the County Public Health Committee. The County Emergency Management Director sits on this board due to issues relating to Public Health Emergency Disaster Preparedness, primarily Pandemic Flu and bio-terrorism issues (smallpox, anthrax, etc).

The County Emergency Management Agency, this year, partnered with the Martha's Vineyard Center4Living and acted as their logistics Board member.

The County Emergency Management Director was elected as the Chairman of the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps for the 2009 – 2010 period.

The Island Boards of Health agents again invited the County EM to perform the duties of the Logistics Section Chief, under the Incident Command System (ICS), for the flu clinic at the MVRHS this year.

The County EM has been invited by the County Airport Management to perform the duties of scribe during aircraft accidents. The duties of a scribe are to keep a log of actions taken during an aircraft accident response for submission to the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The County EM participated in the annual drill which tests the MV Airport's ability to respond to an aircraft accident on the airfield. The exercise also included public safety entities from across the island.

It has been a very rewarding and successful year.

Respectfully Submitted
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