

## 2010

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.

The only hurricane to affect Dukes County, this year, was Hurricane Earl, which initially was tracking to pass directly over the island. Luckily, Hurricane Earl passed about 90 miles offshore on September 4th, but still brought heavy rain, large waves, and tropical storm force gusts to Dukes County. Sustained winds were of 29 to 35 miles per hour, just at and below tropical storm force. The Emergency Management Department set up a coordination center at the Community Correction building. It was manned by the EM Director and the County Executive Assistant, Martina Thornton. Additional help was received from the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue unit, who had been deployed by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to perform pre-disaster assessment. They were helped in these duties by the County Executive Assistant who acted as their island guide. The hurricane diagnostic tool, Hurrevac, was used and was instrumental in determining the hurricane track for planning and disaster response implementation purposes. The internet program, Web-EOC, a state coordination tool, which allows local governments to communicate local emergency condition information to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency was also used, along with radio communications equipment.

This year, the department continued the program that delivered storm condition alerts and disaster preparation information by email to island residents. Alerts were sent out to warn of impending threats of severe weather events along with information bulletins for preparing for these events, especially Hurricane Earl.

The County Emergency Management Agency, this year, partnered with the Martha's Vineyard Center4Living and acted as their logistics Board member. The EM department supplied logistical support for the theme lunches that were part of the Center4Living fund raising efforts.

The County Emergency Management Director acted as the logistics arm of the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps during 2010.

The Island Boards of Health agents again invited the County EM to perform the duties of the Logistics Section Chief for the flu clinic at the MVRHS this year. This year, the flu clinic successfully inoculated more drive-thru participants than the indoor clinic, held in previous years. The shift of logistical efforts from indoors to the outdoor drive-thru method of inoculation proved more challenging, in some ways.

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. The County EM performed 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).

It has been a very rewarding and successful year.

Respectfully Submitted  
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