

## ALLEGANY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Office of Emergency Management continues to be the main conduit for all potential disasters occurring within Allegany County and the surrounding areas. This office continues to take on additional commitments and responsibilities mandated by the Department of Homeland Security.

Towns, Villages and the County received damages estimated at \$1.86 million on July 14<sup>th</sup> during heavy rains and flooding. The damage was well over the State mandated threshold of \$174, 737.00, but the statewide total damages did not exceed the required \$27.3 million to declare a disaster. The Director and this office assisted the people of Allegany County affected by the disaster. We are always vigilant in preparing our County for such events. The Director along with the Guy James of the DPW, County Legislator Karl Graves, Kier Dirlam, County Planner and Scott Torrey, Allegany Soil & Water have been working on updating our Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Director has attended several specific training courses provided through FEMA that included :training on Floodplains mapping and how it relates to building codes; the FEMA Levee Mapping training; the CEMP workshop in Batavia and the annual update ILO (Intelligence Liaison Officer) training held at Cooperstown NY.

This office worked with the County Health Department, Jones Memorial Hospital along with the Western Region Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition for the seven Western New York counties and participated in a full-scale "WRECK IT" 2015 exercise. The primary activity for the exercise took place the week of October 5, 2015, but associated events began in September. The scenario was a significant ice storm. The primary objective in year one is information gathering, sharing and maintaining situational awareness. The office successfully worked with the Tough Mudder Group again this year. We have been actively participating as part of the Joint Preparedness Team which includes the Allegany County Department of Health, American Red Cross, local hospitals, the EMS Council and the Sheriff's Department.

The Director attended numerous trainings hosted by New York State, Fire Service and various agencies. This office continues to manage the funding from Homeland Security Grants and has purchased an Incident Command Cargo Trailer outfitted with a tactical portable repeater, a bridge for interoperable communications and CBRNE tactical Equipment to outfit the trailer for all responses. We also provided Personal Protection Gear and MDTs for our Fire Investigators and Deputy Coordinators.

Our office participated a table top exercise based on the Wellsville Balloon Rally. The Director spoke at a special presentation regarding AFG sponsored by Senator Schumer as well as taking part in mock DWI Drills at GVA School; Bolivar Richburg and the Cuba, Rushford Fire/EMS. The OES along with the Sheriff's Department, 911, LifeNet, Mercy Flight and the Allegany County EMS Council have worked to setup a Clearinghouse to provide quicker service to patients in need of ALS air transport.

This office renewed its contract to continue as the Course Sponsor for the NYSDOH Bureau of Emergency Services Training courses for another year with 11 new CFRs, 31 new EMTs and 7 new AEMTs. The expenses for the courses are reimbursed by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Services.

The "Continuity of Government" and the "Emergency Operations Procedures Manual" were revised as required on an annual basis. The Office is maintaining and reviewing Emergency Plans for towns, schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, American Red Cross, and public structures such as the dams for Cuba and Rushford Lakes on a yearly basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Luckey, Director