

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mark R. Cotreau, Chair
Donald Kingman, Co-Chair

Our Local Emergency Planning Committee, following Federal law definition, creates response plans for hazardous materials spills within the Town of Concord. The Committee also accepts Tier II reports from sites that store hazardous substances. The reports filed in 2012 are public documents and are available for inspection at Fire Headquarters.

All meetings were posted by the Town Clerk and the minutes properly recorded. The Committee continues to receive updates on the Superfund Site at 2229 Main Street, more commonly known as Starmet.

Concord LEPC is an enthusiastic committee of dedicated individuals from various backgrounds who share a common vision of what citizen volunteers can do and who invest many volunteer hours to make Concord a safer community.

The Concord Police, Concord Fire, Concord Public Works and Concord Health Departments are active participants in all planning activities and exercises.

To learn more about the LEPC and its role in keeping Concord safe, please contact the Fire Chief at 978-318-3450.

CONCORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Fire Chief Mark R. Cotreau, Director
Deputy Directors
Martin J. Powers
Don Kingman
Steve Telsey

CEMA maintains the Town's State-mandated Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan (CEMP), a document that outlines the roles and responsibilities of different agencies during a large emergency and provides a resource guide. These could be emergencies involving a large spectrum of All-Hazard topics such as incidents caused by weather (floods, ice storms, etc.), public health crises, hazardous materials spills and other man-made events. Working in conjunction

with Public Health Director, Susan Rask, the Medical Reserve Corps integrates readily into our Town system of trained citizen volunteers, ready to support the Town during times of crisis.

The EOC was activated this year for planning and response for Hurricane Sandy. It is imperative to have a coordinated approach to both planning and response to such serious events. The EOC facilitated the activities of the Incident Management Team (IMT) comprised of representatives from Police, Fire, Public Works, Concord Light and Town Manager's Office. While this storm presented challenges for Town departments, the response was efficient, coordinated and effective.

CEMA relies on citizen volunteers to help it achieve its mission and exemplifies the Concord spirit of standing ready to help others. There is an Emergency Sheltering Team and Communications Group focusing on amateur ham radio and other emergency communication capabilities. Looking to the future, the challenge will be to sustain these programs by providing on-going training, realistic exercises and opportunities to utilize their skills.

Emergency preparedness is the crucial first step in facing an unexpected crisis. We encourage all Concord residents to develop a home/family Preparedness Plan. To learn more about planning, visit the Federal Emergency Management web site at <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>.

For more information about CEMA or any of the programs mentioned, please contact the Fire Chief/ Emergency Management Director at 978-318-3450.