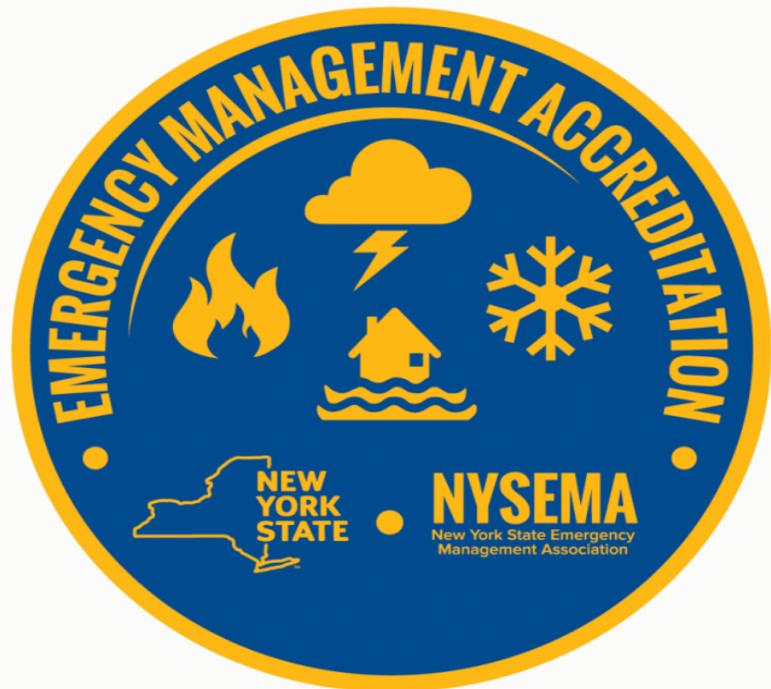


# Madison County Emergency Management & Communications

## 2018 Annual Report



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# Introduction

The role of emergency management is to bring all these parties together working toward our mission of **Keeping People Safe**.

The threat of catastrophic incidents, both natural and man-made, requires continuous attention from all levels of government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and the general public. The Madison County Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC) works toward building collaboration, capacity, resiliency, and communication among these diverse groups.

A significant addition to OEMC in 2018 was the addition of the 911 center. This consolidation brought about a greater service to the community and greater alignment of support to the first responder community.

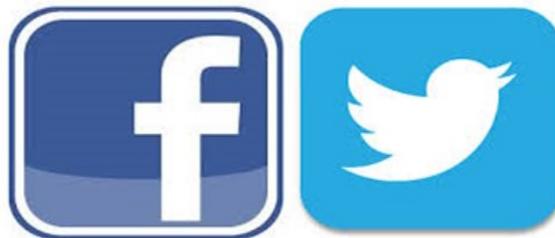
A great accomplishment was achieving accreditation from the NYS Department of Homeland Security and the NYS Emergency Management Association. Madison County is one of six Counties to reach State accreditation.



# Public Outreach & Education

Public outreach programs offered by OEMC in 2018 included:

- ◆ Promoting self-preparedness by hosting the **Governor's Citizen Preparedness programs** which educates families as to the planning and actions they can do, themselves, to be self-sufficient in the first 72 hours following a disaster.
- ◆ The 4,000th **10-year smoke detectors** was provided to our citizens lacking alarms. OEMC provides them directly to citizens through local fire departments, Health Department, and food banks. Lowes provided invaluable support for this life-saving program.
- ◆ Displaying emergency preparedness information in the County Office lobby & Department Of Motor Vehicles.
- ◆ Promoting **emergency preparedness** at the County Fair and DeRuyter Field Days.
- ◆ Building a sophisticated library of preparedness materials on **our website**, [www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/em](http://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/em);
- ◆ Providing timely emergency information on our **Twitter feed, Facebook accounts, and NYAlert.**
  - ◆ Twitter: MadsionCoNY\_EM
  - ◆ Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PrepareRespondRecover/](http://www.facebook.com/PrepareRespondRecover/)
  - ◆ NY Alert: <https://users.nyalert.gov/>



# Prevention & Preparedness

**Training/Planning and exercises** lie at the core of preparedness in emergency management. Response plans must be tested to ensure they are executable. We've spent considerable time developing our EM Plan, especially the Hazard-Specific Appendices and Support Annexes. These plans, in turn, are exercised to ensure they are properly implemented.

Training and Exercises held this year included:

- ◆ Department of Homeland Security training
- ◆ Local Emergency Planning Committee planning workshops
- ◆ Several webinars on Access and Functional needs populations in disasters
- ◆ FEMA/DHSES Basic Academy
- ◆ Fire investigation training
- ◆ Unmanned Aerial Systems Training
- ◆ Governor Citizen's disaster preparedness programs
- ◆ High Angle Rope Team Training
- ◆ State OEM certification training
- ◆ Oneida Lake emergency response planning
- ◆ Bakken crude shipment planning
- ◆ National Weather Service basic SkyWarn program
- ◆ NYS DHSES Intelligence Liaison Officer conference
- ◆ Public warning messaging webinar
- ◆ DHSES regional grant workshops
- ◆ International Association of Emergency Management Conference
- ◆ NYS 911 Association Spring conference
- ◆ NYS Fire Chief's annual conference
- ◆ Homeland Security National Conference
- ◆ CNY 911 Consortium functional exercise
- ◆ NYS 911 Association annual conference



# 10-Year Smoke Alarms/CO Alarms

Our delivery of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms has been invaluable to county residents. 2018 realized our 4,000th smoke alarms distributed to fire departments across the county. Our thanks to Lowes for providing these alarms to OEMC at a considerable discount.

Fire departments distribute these smoke alarms in a variety of manners. County departments have them on their trucks for

an immediate install at a homes that needs them. Other departments distribute them at open houses, breakfasts/suppers; and others hold special days dedicated solely towards getting smoke alarms to those in need. The County Amish community received alarms via fire safety programs in their schools.



*“My department recently provided 60 of the County smoke detectors at our annual roast beef dinner. They were a great way to increase community relations. In my Fire district we have a lot of older community members who do not necessarily have the money to buy or replace smoke detectors. This program was a great way for me to get them in the hands of the people that needed them. I personally hope, as a fire chief, that this program will continue and hope it is utilized by other departments around my county. It has definitely increased my fire department visibility around my community.”*

Ron Fazio

Fire Chief

New Woodstock Fire Department

*“I just want to thank you for the smoke alarms. We are now carrying them on our apparatus, and, when we go on any type of alarm, we ask if they have working smoke alarms. We can then offer them a brand new working detector to make sure they are covered by the protection that little detector provides. As everyone knows, the earlier any warning can be given, the more time to make sure there is a good outcome.”*

Jim McFadden

Fire Chief

North Brookfield Fire Department

# Training & Education/Training Center

**Training & Education** play a key role in preparedness. Thousands of hours of training and education were provided to County fire, rescue, and EMS providers. This comes in the form of state fire training classes that OEM plans, schedules, and supports; County direct classroom deliveries; virtual synchronous deliveries, and other educational seminars.

The Emergency Management training center will be a cornerstone of future fire training and education. Phase One, the fire training structure, was completed in 2017. This state-of-the-art facility provides a best-in-class environment for fire instructors to develop and refresh fire-fighting skills.

Phase Two of this center is a 42'x 120' building that will house a classroom and indoor skills area for fire/rescue/EMS training. This is slated to be completed in 2019.

Together, these buildings will provide an excellent platform to take fire training to the next level in Madison County.



**County Fire Training Building**

# Mitigation

In several towns across the county, an \$800k project to improve roadway culverts and streambanks is underway. This project is in addition to the ongoing work that the county Soil and Water Conservation District performs to reduce the damage due to flooding.

The \$21 million FEMA buy-out of the area known as the flats in the City of Oneida continues. This area was severely inundated in the flooding of 2013.



**Flooding in City of Oneida**



**Tornados in Georgetown**

# Response

Much of what MCOEM delivers revolves around supporting our dedicated first responder community. This support includes:

- ◆ Training & education
- ◆ On-site technical assistance
- ◆ Technical specialty teams (rope rescue, search & rescue, HazMat)
- ◆ Equipment and support trailers
- ◆ Fire/Arson investigation expertise
- ◆ Youth fire setter intervention assistance
- ◆ Volunteer recruitment & retention assistance
- ◆ 10-Year Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms



# Emergency Medical Services

Following up on the 2016 Countywide study of emergency medical services (EMS), OEM led several meetings with the EMS agency leaders throughout 2017. Progress was made in the areas of 911/EMS interface, mutual aid, and mass casualty management.

Additional automatic defibrillators were deployed across the County— all of which are supported by OEM. 2018 will see the addition of “Stop-the-Bleed” training and concomitant equipment at these AED locations.

## Partnering

Nothing can be accomplished in emergency management without building and maintaining partnerships. When disasters threaten and strike, it is an “all hands on deck” situation. MCOEM can be likened to a “force-multiplier”, an agency that develops and facilitates multiple levels of government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and the general public to work in concert.

Examples of the partnerships can be seen in our OEMC working groups. The first is our **Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)**. This working group is comprised of government and not-for-profit agencies that provide human services.

The other partnership is our **Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)**. The LEPC serves to provide input on emergency preparedness involving hazardous materials planning and response. This group is made up of first responders and private industry representatives that work with hazardous materials.

### **Our staff also participates on a number of other committees. These include:**

Childhood Fatalities	Regional EMS Council
Opiate Task Force	Regional 911 Consortium
Suicide Prevention Coalition	Regional HazMat Consortium
Madison Fire Advisory	Alcohol/Substance Abuse Council
Active Assailant Working Group	Non-Profit Consortium
NYS Emergency Management Accreditation	

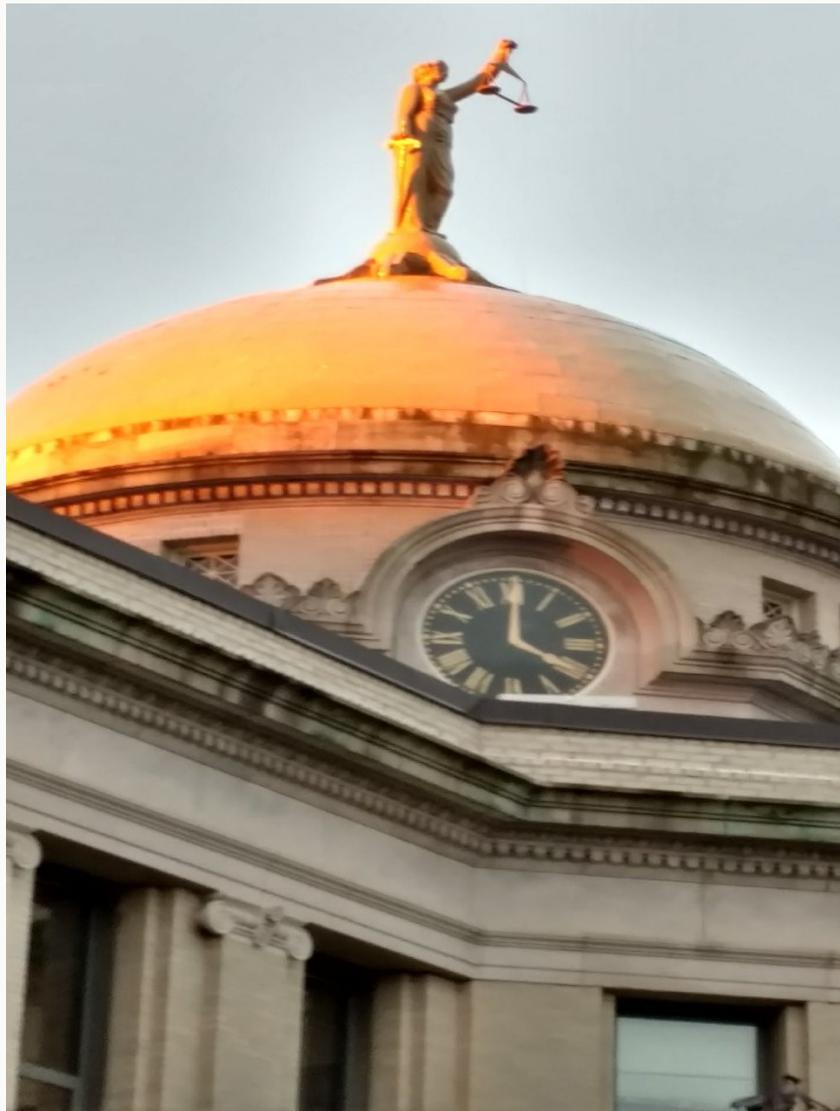
## Deputy Fire Coordinators

We have an extremely dedicated and talented cadre of highly experienced first responders who serve in the role of Deputy Fire Coordinators. These individuals respond 24/7/365 to major emergencies to provide onsite expertise to the local first responders.

OEMC also employs several part-time fire instructors. These skilled State-certified instructors provide invaluable training and education to our 23 fire departments.

## Active Assailant Preparation & Response

Working closely with the Sheriff's Office, OEMC serves an important role for Active Assailant preparation for the county. This includes leading the County Active Assailant Working Group and training all County employees in preparing and responding to an Active Assailant incident.



# Emergency Operations Center

The County Emergency Operations Center was activated for 24 hours during the July 2018 storms. Severe storms resulted in flooding in many portions of the County. This activation OEM, other county department supervisors, and state agencies worked well together.

## Volunteer Recruitment & Retention

An important element of reaching our mission of **Keeping People Safe** is supporting the volunteers Fire & EMS services in their recruitment efforts. OEM provides recruitment materials, advice, and training to help in these efforts.

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**Are you tough enough?**



Being a volunteer firefighter or EMT is not easy work. The stakes are high. People's lives are in your hands. Do you have what it takes? Would you like to find out?

**Service to Others**



You will be joining an elite group. You become part of a new family, a brotherhood & sisterhood unlike any you have ever known.

**Take the First Step**

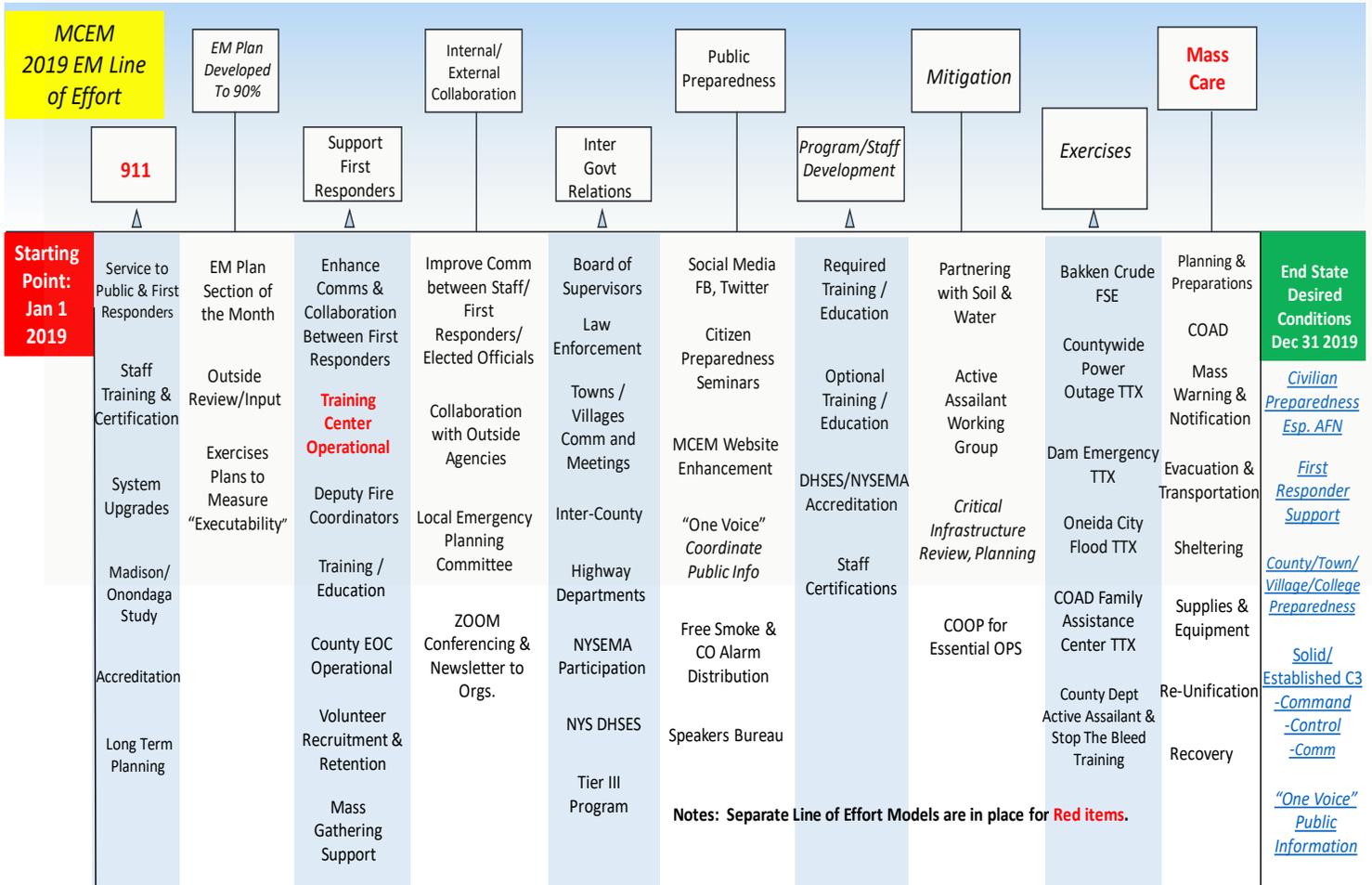


Find out if you have what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter. Take the first step.

- Do it for yourself,
- Do it for your family,
- Do it for the pride,
- Do it for your community

# 2019 Way Ahead

Our way ahead for 2019 is described below. This chart depicts the activities and end state conditions desired at the end of 2019. The red box is the start of the year. The green box, the end of the year. Below the green box the end state desired conditions. The boxes along the top, are the major tasks needed to accomplish the end state condition. The actions below each top box are the subtasks to achieve each task.





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