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Madison County Emergency Management earns State Accreditation

Wampsville, NY – Today, it was announced that the Madison County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has achieved accreditation from the New York State Local Emergency Management Accreditation Council. Madison County OEM is one of only seven Emergency Management Organizations in New York State to achieve this level of recognition.

The program was developed by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in partnership with the New York State Emergency Management Association (NYSEMA). Achieving accreditation means the OEM has met or exceeded standards set by the Council in all primary aspects of emergency management, including preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. Accreditation is valid for five years, with the opportunity to obtain reaccreditation after that time period.

“This recognition exemplifies the knowledge, dedication and hard work of our Emergency Management staff,” said Ted Halpin, Jr. the Director of Madison County Emergency Management. “It also represents the trust and support County leadership, other County Departments, state and local governments, not-for-profits, and first responders have provided this program. This acknowledgement reinforces our Emergency Management mission of keeping people safe.”

“On behalf of the Board of Supervisors I want to applaud the OEM for their hard work that has led to the staff achieving accreditation,” said Madison County Chairman, John M. Becker. “Daily our Emergency Management staff strives to make sure the public, themselves, and local government are prepared in the chance of a catastrophic incident. As one of six counties in New York State to achieve accreditation, shows once again that Madison County is on the forefront and leading the charge for our future. And we are committed to keeping the residents of Madison County safe.”

The Madison County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is made up of individuals who on a daily basis use their skills to work toward a single goal of keeping people safe. The OEM uses state of the art technology to identify, track, and respond to life threatening incidents, both natural and man-made. The OEM also provides training and operational support to Madison County’s First responder community, and delivers citizen preparedness training.

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