

2010 Annual Town Report

The Emergency Management Department is responsible for the safety of the citizens of Bridgewater in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. The Emergency Management Department is responsible for coordinating resources for multiple disciplines within our community so the incident commander at an incident has the proper resources to mitigate and effectively resolve or control any situation.

The Emergency Management Department works closely with MEMA and we were successful in securing a grant for **\$2500.00** to buy equipment for our CERT team and a **\$9000.00** grant for shelter supplies.

The Emergency Management Department was remained successful in organizing and developing training for a **CERT team (community emergency response team)** which is now made up of 40 volunteers from our community that are able to respond and assist our first responders at an emergency or a planned event within our community. It is my hope to continue this program to add more members in the future.

The team is operational and has responded to numerous events and emergencies including the fourth of July parade and fireworks, President Clinton visiting the city of Taunton, MCI drill in the town of Whitman and the winter storm in December where the team was activated to shelter residents from our community. I would like to thank John Mitchell for his efforts in coordinating this wonderful resource and Bridgewater Fire Lieutenant Tom Luckman for his experience and training of the CERT team.

The Town of Bridgewater receives a grant each year for **\$114,000.00** for being a host community if residents need to be evacuated from the Plymouth area near the Pilgrim Power Station. The Emergency Management Department has several mandatory drills each year which are overseen by MEMA. The funds that are received are used to maintain the operation of the Emergency Management Department. This year funding was also diverted to the fire department to offset costs within the department. The grant from Entergy is contingent upon the Town of Bridgewater meeting its obligation to provide services per the contract from Entergy.

I would like to thank the Town Manager Troy Clarkson for his support and the Department Heads and staff that operate the EOC in the event of an emergency. A special thanks to Scott Allen and Lisa Sullivan for their work and efforts in the EOC operations.

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