

York County Emergency Management Agency

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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About Us

The York County Emergency Management Agency (YCEMA) is a government agency located in Alfred, Maine. Our mission is to lessen the effects of a disaster on the lives and property of residents, municipalities, and businesses of York County. We do this through coordination and training on the four phases of emergency management: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

We work in conjunction with the Local Emergency Management Directors from all 29 municipalities in York County to act as a conduit between Maine Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other response partners. Our agency protects the community by coordinating all activities and resources required to maintain and develop a comprehensive emergency management program.

Our Staff



Art Cleaves, Director – Art is responsible for the overall management and strategic direction of the agency. He works with partners at the local, state, and federal level to ensure coordination of planning and response efforts.



Megan Arsenault, Deputy Director– Megan is responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations. Megan works with the Special Team Chiefs, volunteers, and staff to implement the YCEMA's strategic plan. She also serves as the YCEMA's Public Information Officer (PIO).



Scott Gagne, Training & Response Coordinator– Scott is responsible for the planning and administration of the training and exercise program. Scott works with our Special Teams and maintains our Emergency Operations Center, equipment, and personnel to ensure a state of readiness to respond to emergencies.



Chris McCall, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator– Chris is responsible for developing and maintaining emergency plans, policies, and procedures. Chris oversees the administration and training of the Alerts & Warnings program. He is also the liaison to the State of Maine for communities seeking Hazard Mitigation grants.



Laurie Ewing, Mitigation and Finance Manager– Laurie is responsible for financial and grant management efforts, including reporting, budget tracking, and evaluation.



David Francoeur, Division Chief of Logistics and Recovery– David is responsible for logistics for staff, including when York County EMA assets are deployed in the field. David is also the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) coordinator for the agency.

Letter from Leadership

To The Residents of York County's 29 Municipalities,

2024 was a year that tested our county's resilience and required dedication from our local partners in emergency management. At the very beginning of the year, we faced a significant challenge when the January coastal storms impacted our region. In April, we faced another strong winter storm that knocked out power to almost 70% of our county. Both led to federally-declared disasters due to the millions of dollars of damages experienced by both the public and individuals. Thanks to the cooperation of our residents, first responders, and partner organizations, we faced these crises head-on and emerged stronger.

Our mission remains rooted in a commitment to our towns and the people who call them home. Everything we do—from forming partnerships to rolling out new initiatives—is driven by the goal of protecting lives, safeguarding property, and improving the well-being of our community.

Reflecting on this year, we are proud of the progress we've made and the example we've set as a smart, efficient, and effective branch of local government. In the wake of the January storms, our agency worked tirelessly to secure recovery funds to help local governments and affected individuals. Recognizing the broad challenges facing our coastal areas, we launched the York County Coastal Resilience Initiative — a project highlighted in this document. This initiative positions York County as a leader in the State of Maine, and its impact will benefit future generations and the many visitors we will welcome in the years to come.

These storms also reminded us of the importance of community preparedness. Our Alerts & Warnings program expanded in 2024 to meet the needs of our residents. Over 1,000 new users subscribed to our Rave Emergency Alerting Platform, with growth seen in all 29 York County municipalities. We also became authorized to send Wireless Emergency Alerts, ensuring we can reach every cell phone in York County with critical, life-saving information. Our community preparedness efforts also included expanding our training opportunities by providing more relevant and useful courses for our stakeholders. We also made sure that we are reaching different segments of the community via our many outreach events.

Lastly, we are proud of the efforts of our Special Teams. These teams, comprised of staff and volunteers, have worked tirelessly to support the efforts of first responders and other stakeholders throughout the year. Due to their efforts, we were able to assist in ways we otherwise would not have been able to.

We are deeply grateful to our five York County Commissioners, whose continued support is critical to our success. We are also thankful to have outstanding local emergency management directors and municipal officials whose efforts helped us succeed in 2024.

Thank you for your trust and partnership as we continue building a safer, stronger, and more resilient York County. By working together, we can ensure that our emergency management efforts deliver the best possible outcomes for everyone in our community.

With gratitude,

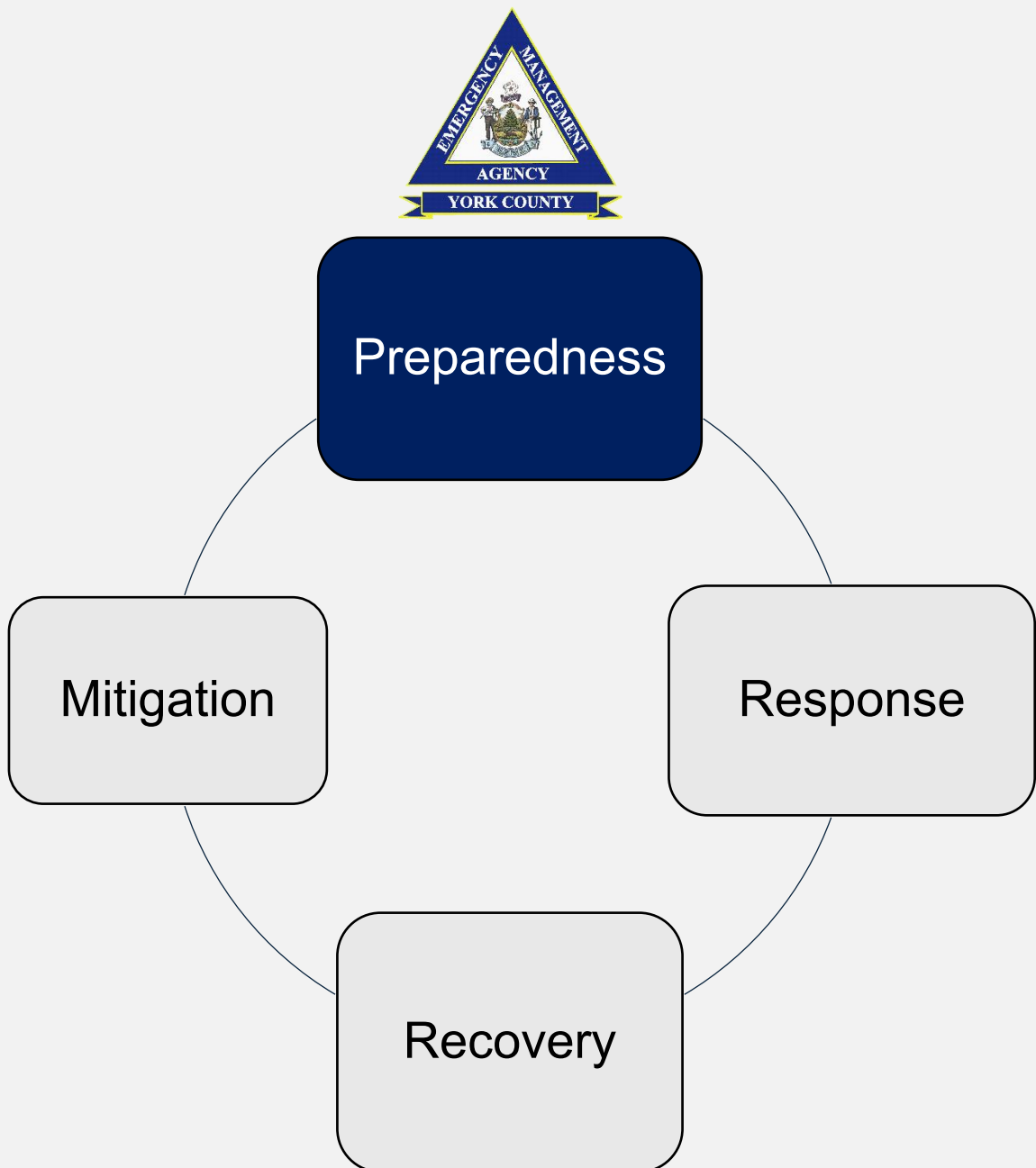
Art Cleaves & Megan Arsenault

Director & Deputy Director of the York County Emergency Management Agency

In Emergency Management, we focus on the four phases which are:

1. **Preparedness** – Activities undertaken or plans made in advance of an event/emergency
2. **Response** – Taking action during an event/emergency
3. **Recovery** – Enabling people and communities to rebuild and recover after an event/emergency
4. **Mitigation** – Minimizing the impact of an emergency by making changes to the built environment (for communities), property (individuals), or risk exposure via insurance (communities and individuals).

In this document, we'll use the four phases and our logo to indicate what the following section will cover.



Alerts & Warnings

What is Rave?

Rave is York County EMA's alert and warning provider. Our agency works with local emergency managers to provide emergency alerts and safety information to residents during emergencies. This free service allows individuals to receive text, email, and/or voice (phone call) alerts. You must opt-in to be able to receive Rave notifications. You can do this by registering here ([click here to sign up](#)). This will allow you to receive messages from York County EMA and your town or city's emergency management.

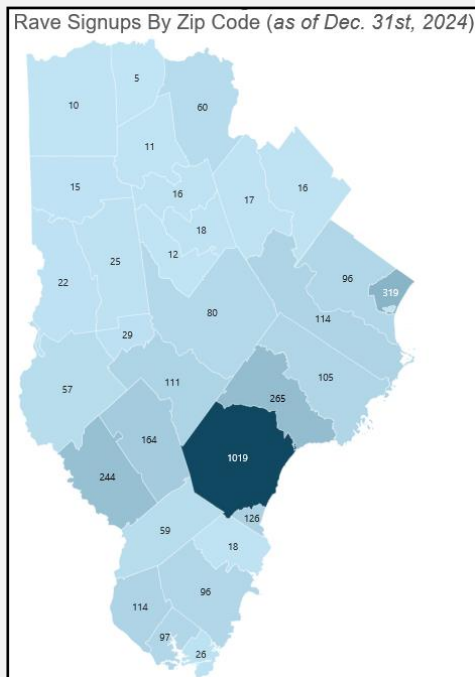
Year in Review:

62

Rave Alerts Sent

1,009

Users Added in 2024



Pictured: York County Rave Users by Zip Code

York County Becomes IPAWS-Certified

In October 2024, York County EMA became a certified Alerting Authority to send messages through FEMA's Integrated Preparedness and Warning System (IPAWS). Now, during life-threatening incidents, York County EMA can send Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) to any cell phone in the county.

This process included making a plan and collaborating with local and state officials. [Click here to see our blog post about what it means for York County.](#)

Summer 2024 Beach List Pilot

Starting in June 2024, the towns of Old Orchard Beach, Ogunquit, and Wells started a pilot program with the aim of allowing tourists and other day visitors to receive emergency alerts.

To do this, each town purchased a unique opt-in code that tourists and day visitors could text to 226787. These codes were OGT for Ogunquit, WELLS for Wells, and OOB for Old Orchard Beach.

Here are our successes:

- 1,279 people were opted in to the Beach Lists (as of Nov. 1)
- 498 unique users texted an opt-in code to 226787 and received alerts from a Beach List. These 498 users would not have received an alert without the opt-in code to join the Beach Lists

We hope to continue this program in 2025, with the goal of engaging more towns in York County to see if this program could work for them.



Pictured: Ogunquit Beach List Promotional Flyer

Training & Exercise

Training

In 2024, our agency prioritized training and professional development to enhance emergency preparedness and response across our community. We hosted 34 training sessions tailored to emergency managers, first responders, public officials, community partners, and the public. We were also honored to welcome participants from neighboring counties in Maine and New Hampshire.

Our Training and Response Coordinator, Scott Gagne, actively sought feedback throughout the year to ensure these opportunities addressed the unique needs of our county's emergency responders. These efforts allowed us to identify and bridge preparedness gaps, laying a solid foundation for the development of our 2025 training plan.

In addition to offering high-quality training for our partners, our team maintained its commitment to continuous learning and professional growth. In 2024, full-time staff completed over 650 hours of training on critical topics, including severe weather preparedness, best practices for alerts and warnings, and advanced incident management strategies. Megan Arsenault achieved the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) designation, joining 2,536 emergency management professionals worldwide. This certification represents a significant accomplishment, requiring extensive experience, training, professional contributions, and success on a comprehensive exam.

Four of our staff, Megan Arsenault, Laurie Ewing, Scott Gagne, and Chris McCall, spent a week in Colorado Springs attending the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) conference. This event brought together emergency management professionals from around the world, providing valuable opportunities for networking, skill-building, and leadership development. The knowledge and connections gained from this experience will inform new programs and initiatives that we look forward to rolling out in 2025.



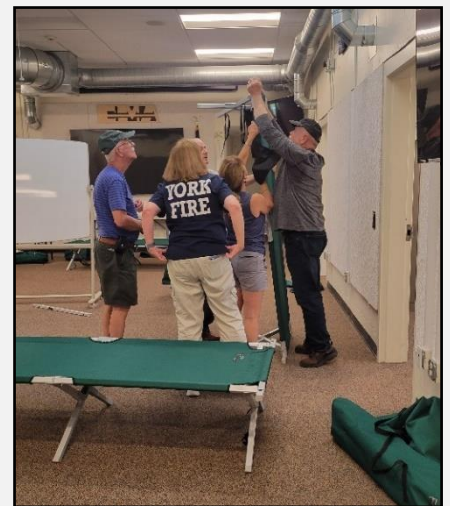
Pictured: IAEM Conference Team

Exercise

Each year, we collaborate with our partners to conduct exercises that evaluate the effectiveness of emergency plans, policies, and procedures. These range from tabletop discussions of simulated scenarios to hands-on functional exercises. Exercises are essential for identifying strengths and areas for improvement when it comes to our response efforts.

In 2024, our agency hosted several tabletop exercises and a functional exercise while also assisting four municipalities with local exercise planning. Highlights included:

- A functional sheltering exercise where participants set up and operated an emergency shelter.
- An active shooter tabletop exercise for our Incident Management Assistance Team to practice response roles during mass violence incidents.
- Multiple weather-related tabletop exercises in which emergency managers from the 29 York County municipalities reviewed and validated their severe weather response plans.



Pictured: York County Shelter Exercise

These efforts are critical to ensuring a more effective and coordinated emergency response across the county.

Community Engagement

One way that our agency fosters relationships and provides emergency preparedness education is through community engagement. We engage the community via our network of community leaders, through our educational offerings, and by using online forums. We also participated in several community outreach events this year.

2024 Community Event Spotlight

Hurricane Hunters

On May 6th, we tabled an event at the Portland Jetport that featured the Hurricane Hunters. Two of the planes they use to fly into hurricanes were there, and it was a great way to showcase the importance of hurricane preparedness – even in the state of Maine.

Picture 1: WP-3D - "Orion" turboprop aircraft. This aircraft collects low-altitude data to fill gaps in data not available from ground-based radar or satellite imagery.

Picture 2: York County EMA staff tabling at the event. We gave out information about hurricane preparedness and how to stay informed during emergencies by signing up for Rave.



La Kermesse

From June 24-26th, we attended the La Kermesse Festival in Biddeford. We provided emergency preparedness information and supplies to attendees. Command One was also featured in the kickoff parade. Over 6,000 attendees a day were present.



Pictured: Command 1 at La Kermesse

Other outreach events included 4th of July events and Wells Harborfest in July, several National Nights Out and Waterboro Home Days in August, Touch-A-Truck in Limerick and Seacoast Christian School Community Event in October, and many more throughout the year.

Invite Us to Your Event!

If you are interested in having a table with emergency preparedness information, a display vehicle, or other support at your event, please email Megan Arsenault at:

mearsenault@yorkcountymaine.gov

StormReady

In December, York County was named a StormReady community by the National Weather Service in Gray. We were the first county in NWS Gray's jurisdiction to receive this distinction.

StormReady is a nationwide, voluntary program designed to enhance community preparedness for hazardous weather events.

What Did York County EMA Have To Do To Be StormReady?

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- Have more than one way to 1) receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and 2) alert the public
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

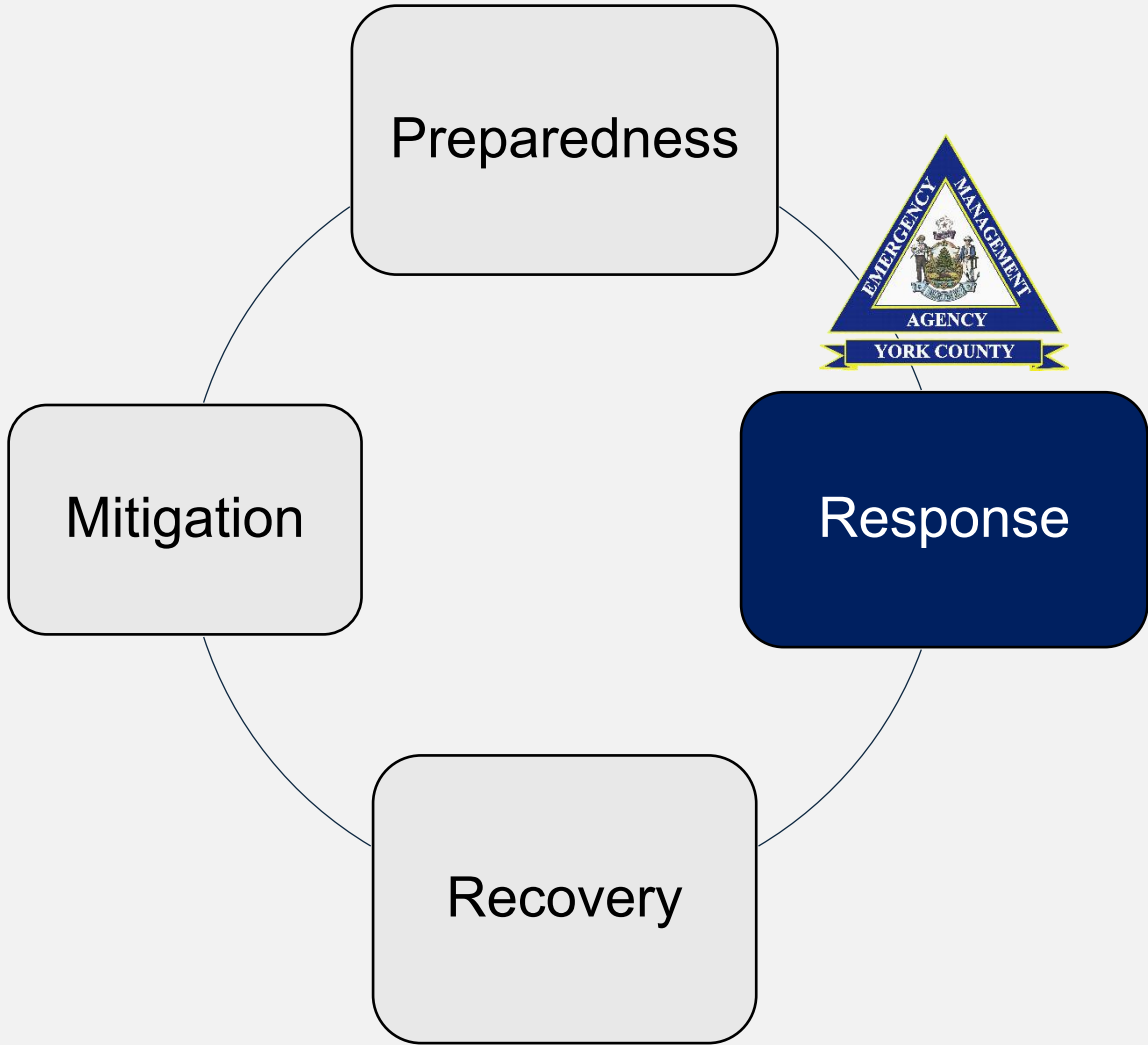
How Do York County Residents Benefit From Being StormReady?

1. It recognizes the procedures York County EMA has put in place to communicate weather hazards to:
 - The community
 - Local emergency management officials
 - Key partners and stakeholders
2. It establishes clear benchmarks for us to maintain in the future with regards to community outreach, preparedness efforts, and emergency operations planning.
3. Being StormReady gives additional points to municipalities involved in the Community Rating System (CRS). Having more points contributes to lower flood insurance premiums through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

We're proud to be StormReady, and we will continue our efforts to make York County better prepared for the impacts of hazardous weather.



Pictured: December 2024 StormReady Recognition Ceremony



Disasters and Weather Events in 2024

By The Numbers

2

Major Disaster
Declarations

9

Emergency Operations
Center Activations

2024 Major Disaster Declarations:

January 9-13 Storms (DR 4764)

On January 13th, York County and all of Maine saw its highest recorded tide in history. This storm resulted in destroyed property and dunes throughout 40+ miles of York County's coastline.

In the immediate aftermath, York County EMA assisted with the Preliminary Damage Assessment process for both public (i.e., municipal) damages and damages to individuals' private property.

We also set up a webpage to help the public and business owners navigate the recovery process.

On March 21st, a disaster was declared for both public assistance (municipal property) and individually/privately-owned properties. This led to a Disaster Recovery Center being staffed in Wells from March 27th to May 20th. A Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Recovery Center in York was also open around the same time period.

Overall, our joint efforts resulted in:

- \$1.15M for individuals across York County
- \$40M+ in damages we are helping towns recover from FEMA

April 3-8 Winter Storm (DR 4785)

Overnight from April 3rd to April 4th, up to 21 inches of heavy, wet snow fell throughout York County.

At the height of this storm, 90,611 CMP customers in York County were out of power (nearly 70% of the county). To assist with power restoration efforts, York County EMA worked with local municipalities to open shelters for linemen who otherwise would have slept in their trucks.

In the aftermath, York County EMA helped local municipalities advocate for a federal disaster declaration for public assistance due to over \$3M in local debris removal costs from the storm.

Other Notable 2024 Events for York County

- March 2024 Ice Storm – On March 29th, a surprise ice storm knocked out power to 47,000+ customers in York County
- June 2024 Early Season Heat Wave – The week of June 17th, a heat wave impacted the county. Over 24 cooling centers were opened by local towns to help residents
- June 23, 2024 – Tornado Watch issued for York County, requiring EOC activation
- Fall 2024 Drought & High Fire Danger – Throughout the Fall, York County only received 50% of normal rainfall. This led to very dry conditions and some Very High Fire Danger days in November
- November 2024 Election

Meet the Fleet

York County EMA maintains a fleet of 4 vehicles, including a new communications vehicle purchased this year. These vehicles are available for local municipalities to request for events. They can also respond to emergencies that occur both in the county and throughout the state.

Command One



Command One serves as a fully functional mobile dispatch center, command post for Incident Command, and provides on-scene camera and video footage capabilities, along with many other essential amenities for responders.

2024 Deployments Include:

- January Coastal Storm Response
- April Power Outage Response
- November and December structure fires support

Command Two



Command 2 is the primary response vehicle used by our Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)/Drone Team. Similar to Command One, it offer communications and incident support. Its smaller size allows it to be maneuvered more easily around the county.

It was deployed numerous times throughout 2024 to support various UAS Team operations, including law enforcement response and search and rescue incidents.

Hazardous Materials Truck



Utilized by our York County Hazardous Materials Team, this vehicle contains equipment and supplies necessary for assessment, clean up, and decontamination.

Communications Vehicle



Primarily used by our Emergency Communications Team, it will also be used by our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to support local incident response.

Special Teams

We have a cadre of Special Teams that respond to various emergency incidents in York County. The teams are comprised of staff and volunteers who are trained in emergency response, the incident command system (ICS), and their respective disciplines.

If you are interested in joining a Special Team or want to learn more about them, please email ema@yorkcountymaine.gov and we'll help you get in touch with the Special Team Chief.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS/Drone) Team

Team Chief: Marc Brunelle

By the Numbers	2024 Activations: 24
	2024 Trainings: 12 (once monthly)
	2024 Members: 30

2024 Year in Review: In 2024, the UAS team activated 24 times. While more local departments have purchased drones, no team in Maine can provide the package of capabilities and experience that our team can. We deployed to several law enforcement incidents, search and rescue incidents, and fires throughout the year. Additionally, we provided imagery for planning and real-time safety monitoring of large events.

Team Purpose: The team is a YCEMA deployable asset which aids in search and rescue, law enforcement incidents, fires, and natural hazards.

Tactical Dispatch Team

Team Chief: Darcy Valido

By the Numbers	2024 Activations: 19
	2024 Trainings: 12
	2024 Members: 12

2024 Year in Review: The York County Tactical Dispatch Team has supported major police and fire incidents, and community events throughout the year. During the large structure fires in Wells (November) and Ogunquit (December), the team responded to help support incident command efforts on the ground.

Team Purpose: The team consists of dispatchers from various agencies across York County. Operating from Command One, the Tactical Dispatchers are responsible for driving the vehicle to the incident scene and providing essential dispatching and communication services. The Tactical Dispatchers are skilled at handling high-stress situations and quickly adapting to various incidents.

Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Team

Team Chief: Scott Gagne

By the Numbers	2024 Activations: 18
	2024 Trainings: 12
	2024 Members: 22

2024 Year in Review: In 2024, the HazMat team was recognized as a Type 1 team by Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). We upgraded response equipment and also had three new HazMat technicians join the team in 2024. We were also on standby at four different public events in York County throughout the year.

Team Purpose: York County Hazardous Materials Response Team, State-wide Regional Response Team 6, is organized under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). York County agrees to maintain a Regional Response Team (RRT) supported by MEMA. Our team is equipped as a Type 1 Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT). As a Type 1 team, we have the ability to respond to large-scale, complex, and sustained hazardous material incidents that occur in York County and/or nearby jurisdictions.

Emergency Communications Team

Team Chief: Neil Tolman

By the Numbers	2024 Activations: 9
	2024 Trainings: 45
	2024 Members: 33

2024 Year in Review: This has been a productive and exciting year with the addition of the Communications Vehicle equipped with the technology needed for mobile and portable emergency communications. The capability of the team has expanded dramatically, and the team is always exploring new technologies to expand our communication capabilities.

Team Purpose: The team is comprised of skilled volunteers who are affiliated with and directed by the York County Emergency Management Agency. Our mission is to serve our county, our towns, and our communities in time of need. We train and encourage one another so that we are prepared to keep the lines of communication open when other technologies fail or are overwhelmed. The York County Emergency Communication Team is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers wanting to learn and help facilitate operations.

Preparedness

Mitigation

Response



Recovery

Public Assistance in 2024

By The Numbers

2

Major Disaster
Declarations in York
County that qualified for
Public Assistance (**2024**)

\$40M

Public Damages calculated from
the January 2024 Coastal Storms

\$3.0M

Public Damages calculated from
the April 2024 Snowstorm

What is Public Assistance?

Per FEMA, their Public Assistance Program provides supplemental grants to state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and certain types of private non-profits so communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. For York County EMA, almost all of our time on public assistance is dedicated to helping our local municipalities navigate the process. You can read more about the FEMA Public Assistance Program here: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>

What Are Common Issues With Public Assistance?	How Did We Address These in 2024?
Understanding Project Eligibility	<p>To determine eligibility, FEMA utilizes the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (link here). For certain projects – especially in the wake of the January storms – there were eligibility questions surrounding projects such as beach and dune restoration. FEMA has found certain beaches and dunes in York County eligible for funding for Emergency Protective Measures, which will protect against a 5-year storm.</p> <p>To help our local EMA directors, we had two experts come to York County to share their knowledge about the FEMA Public Assistance process. One was an expert from NY State who talked to a March 2024 gathering. An additional expert from FEMA, who specializes in beach and dune projects, came to the York County EMA in July 2024 to talk to local officials from York and Cumberland counties.</p>
Navigating FEMA’s Process	<p>Getting funding approval from FEMA for storm damages is an intensive process. In general, the burden of proof that a particular storm created a certain level of damage is put on the local municipality. In 2024, York County EMA staff assisted with many calls between municipal and FEMA officials regarding questions of funding eligibility. Many of these were successful in proving that the municipality had enough proof to claim FEMA funds.</p>
Length of Time For Funds to Be Approved and Sent by FEMA	<p>There are still some municipalities in York County that have not been reimbursed for storms that occurred in 2018. We have continued to assist municipalities with these projects to try and help them get these projects approved.</p>

Individual Assistance in 2024

By The Numbers

1

Major Disaster Declaration in York County that qualified for Individual Assistance (2024)

\$1.15M

January 2024 Coastal Flood recovery money disbursed to York County residents

What is Individual Assistance?

The FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial and direct services to eligible individuals and households affected by a disaster, who have uninsured or under-insured necessary expenses and serious need. For the January 2024 Coastal Storms, roughly 95% of the amount paid out by FEMA went to repair structural damage to homes to allow the homeowners to make it habitable again. These funds only went to homes where it was the individuals' primary residence. You can read more about FEMA's IHP here: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual>

What Are Common Issues With Individual Assistance?	How Did We Address These in 2024?
Gathering Damage Assessments	See the story below
Public Messaging About Available Benefits	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We used our social media channels to share information2. We created a dedicated webpage on the York County EMA website and updated it frequently3. We worked with Local EMA directors and officials to publicize information to the public

Individual Assistance – How Community Input Helped Us Get The Aid We Needed

For the January 2024 Storms, FEMA offered individual assistance to affected individuals in York County. Here's how community input helped us make the case to FEMA that storm damage was extensive enough to justify federal recovery aid for individuals:

1. York County, in coordination with the State of Maine, promoted a Survey123 link for individuals and businesses to report damages
2. York County called and reached out to anyone who filled out the survey and indicated that 1) their home was a primary residence 2) the submission indicated major damage to the property
3. We coordinated with those homeowners to conduct site visits with FEMA and State officials to prove that damage along the coastline was extensive enough to warrant federal aid. This took 3 separate days of visits in all 9 York County Coastal Towns
4. From this survey, FEMA determined that enough individuals were impacted to warrant federal disaster assistance

Key Point: We need your input and input from members of the community for this process to work. Without your accurate reporting, we would have never been able to prove these damages to FEMA.



Mitigation

Preparedness

Response

Recovery

Hazard Mitigation

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Due to the many federally-declared disasters in Maine over the past few years, there have been millions of dollars in FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant money that has been allocated to the State of Maine.

These FEMA grants are aimed at reducing the risk natural hazards pose to communities. The grants can cover projects that mitigate the impacts from natural hazards such as riverine flooding, heat waves, and power outages caused by winter storms.

How This Is Funded

In the table below, you can see the cost split for these projects. If approved, FEMA pays 75% of the total cost of the project and 25% must be funded from local sources (i.e., non-federal).

Entity	Contribution Amount
FEMA	75% of the total project cost
Local Sources (municipalities, RSU's, etc.)	25% of the total project cost

In 2024, York County assisted over 6 towns with this process. Examples of projects we have been assisting with include:

- Generators for emergency shelter operations
- Projects to protect critical infrastructure from the effects of coastal storms

In 2024, Limington was awarded an HMGP grant for a generator to help their Old Town Hall be used as an emergency shelter. Other towns we assisted are still awaiting final grant determinations by FEMA.

To learn more about hazard mitigation, including the amounts available due to the recent disaster declarations, you can visit the Maine Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation site ([click here for link](#)).

DID YOU KNOW?

York County has a Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been promulgated (signed) by all 29 municipalities in York County.

By doing this, every municipality in York County is eligible to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants.

The York County Hazard Mitigation Plan was last completed in 2022, and details the various hazards faced by the county and ways to mitigate against them.

You can check it out at this link here:

https://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/files/ugd/869b12_6776ed75c01148bda77ff847bb4095d.pdf

Coastal Resilience Initiative

On January 13th, 2024, York County experienced its highest tide in recorded history. Due to destroyed beaches and dunes, we have private properties, commercial properties, and infrastructure that are completely exposed to future storms.

The York County Emergency Management Agency has, in conjunction with our coastal towns and regional partners, set our sights on a broader coastal resilience initiative. Our initiative aims to restore our devastated beaches, support our local tourist economy, sustain critical community resources, and safeguard our commercial infrastructure from erosion and storms into the future.

As we are working to restore our coastal defenses, we are aiming to design York County's beaches and dunes according to FEMA Category G standards. This would make us eligible for future recovery funds to fully restore beaches and dunes in the wake of a major coastal storm. In their current condition, York County is only eligible for Category B funds from FEMA.



*Pictured: Ogunquit Dune Damage
(credit: Town of Ogunquit)*

The table below shows the FEMA standards for dune and beach restoration.

FEMA Standards	Description
Category B	These are emergency protective measures that will provide protection from a 5-year storm
Category G	These are long-term measures that will provide more durable protection from 100+ year storms

Important Note: Both Category B and Category G measures require extensive engineering work. For Category G in particular, the engineering standards are to the same rigor as a building/seawall.

To achieve Category G status for all beaches and dunes in York County, over \$20M is needed. As an agency, we are currently pursuing funding from:

- **Federal Funding:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); The Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- **State of Maine Funding:** Community Action Grants; Department of Environmental Protection; Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund

York County Dredge Becomes Operational

In 2024, the York County Dredge became operational.

We anticipate that the dredge will be used to help restore sand to York County's beaches. When it is not dredging sand for coastal resilience, we expect it to be used for maintenance dredging of navigation channels and harbors throughout the region.



Pictured: York County Dredge in Wells Harbor

**Thank You From The
York County Emergency Management Agency**



Please see the following links to stay informed and up to date with York County EMA

Website: <https://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/ema>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YorkCountyEMA>

X: <https://x.com/YorkCountyEMA>

Rave Sign Up: [Sign Up - Smart911](#)

York County EMA Training & Exercises: [Training and Exercises | York County Maine Government](#)