

Emergency Management Director's Report

Region II Upper Valley All Health Hazards Region is responsible for the protection of the health and welfare of the citizens within the 13 towns. The Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (MVHI) is serving as the public health network side for these 13 towns. I gave you info on this since they are looking for support money, like the Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurses Association (LSRVNA), which is in our town report each year. Along with these I work with the Eastman Health and Safety Committee and monthly meetings at the school.

Many things have surfaced in the last few years, Anthrax; Small Pox; Lyme Disease; Rabies; West Nile Virus; Sars and now H1N1 to name a few. Our Emergency Operations Plan (E.O.P.) covers the needs for Grantham, but the Health Officer position has been pretty much covered by me because of Region II planning. The Health Officer is a part time, volunteer position and continues to be a weak link in one E.O.P. Under our E.O.P. the Board of Selectman and Town Administrator are responsible for the Health Officer.

I believe the last report from a Health Officer was in 2005 was David Frucht, M.D. In the 2000 annual report Kenneth Kerwin gave these names and dates of Grantham Health Officers, up to his appointment and I continued from 2005 up until now.

1910-1942	Perley Walker
1943-1951	Allen Walker
1952-1955	Percy Bond
1956-1986	No health officer listed in town report
1987-1989	Richard Greeley
1990-1991	Kirby Hayes
1992-2008	Kenneth Kerwin
2004-2005	David Frucht
2006	Michael Carr
2007	Robin Sanders
2008	None
2009	Roger Woodworth, along with Building Inspector.

So much of a Health Officer's role and responsibilities as called out by the MVHI in Region II planning. Since 2005 I have covered the needs the best I can. (See the write up attached from MVHI).

We have so many active/retired Doctors, Nurses, LPN's, Health Care Providers etc. in Eastman, but no list of these names and telephone numbers. I don't have the ability or know how to pull all this information and see if we can come up with a plan or person to fill this Health Officer needs for Grantham.

In the event of a full-blown emergency as your EMD I will have my hands full to handle the organization chart on figure 3 in our E.O.P. I am not going to be able to handle the Health Officer roles and responsibilities.

I am proud to say at our last RCC meeting in Lebanon on 1-12-10 it was noted that the four (4) POD sites of Canaan, Lyme, Grantham and Plainfield who opened POD's for the H1N1 vaccinations, that Grantham held highest honors for 161 vaccines done and overall operation. I ended up with two (2) volunteers to give shots and Lebanon provided two (2) more, which they hired to cover our needs. Opening our E.O.P. for this clinic gave me a lot of experience and a good feeling of time well spent since I took this EMD job. I look forward to continue to serve you and the town in this position.

The 2010 Health Fair date is set for October 2, 2010 from 8:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Grantham Town Hall with New London Hospital, VNA and friends. This will be our fourth year, growing every year!

Respectfully yours,

F.R. Osgood
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Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department had a decrease in calls with 119 in 2008-2009. This is the second year in a row with a decrease in runs. Our most common calls were false alarms. A large portion of these were due to unintentional alarms or system malfunctions. Remember to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries on a regular basis . If you have an alarm system please have it checked /maintained as recommended by the manufacturer or installer. We also had a large # of hazardous condition runs with power lines down being the most common. Please stay away from all downed or arcing power lines.

The following is the breakdown for calls between July 2008 and June 2009:

11	Fires
20	Vehicle accidents
47	False alarm
2	Rescue
2	Service call
6	Medical assist
11	Carbon monoxide, smoke or odor call
20	Hazardous condition

If you've ever considered volunteering to help your community the Fire department could be what you're looking for. While our firefighters are paid for calls and some training, a large portion of the work around the Firehouse is done on a volunteer basis. Currently our membership is low and new members are needed to help reduce the load on our busy crew.

Even if you don't wish to respond to calls we can probably find duties within your skill level that don't involve responding to calls.

If you're interested in joining the Fire department please feel free to stop by the station and talk with a member. You may also call the station at 863-5710.

I would like to thank all the Fire/Fast/Aux. Members who have given many hours of their time to the Fire Dept. Your commitment and dedication are Very Much Appreciated.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Benoit
Fire Chief*

Current active members and years of service:

Michael Benoit, Chief	32	Christopher Palermo, Dep. Chief	20
Michael Durkin	7	David Beckley	7
Donald Barton	37	Richard Coville	6
Douglass Demers, Captain	14	Bill Rigby	4
Kevin Lahye	3	Jeremy Labombard	1
Robin Palermo	17	Melissa Hautaniemi	2
James Palermo, Lieut.	21	Rosie Bard	19
Jeremiah Fountain, Lieut.	14	Justin Hastings	9
Wayne Small	6		

New Members: Ben Lefebvre, Jason McMahn





Emergency Medical Services

Grantham’s Emergency Medical Service is an all-volunteer, non-transport agency of state certified medical personnel who serve the town of Grantham and exist and function as part of the Grantham Volunteer Fire Department.

Call Statistics:

The Grantham EMS responded to 106 “911” emergency calls 2009. This is a slight reduction from last year’s 118 calls. The following is a general break down of those calls and the comparison with the previous years.

Type of call:	2009	2008
MVA	19	(23)
Trauma – Fall	14	(17)
Trauma – Other	8	(7)
Medical – Cardiac / Chest Pain	9	(8)
Medical – Stroke / CVA / Seizure	1	(8)
Medical – Breathing difficulty	10	(8)
Medical – Other	36	(37)
Substance abuse + Psychological	3	(5)
Fire support and CO alarm	2	(2)
Medical Alarms and Lift Assists	3	(3)
Mutual Aid to other towns	1	(0)

Membership:

Our membership and squad officers are as follows:

Stuart Gillespie	EMT-I, Coordinator
Jeff Figley	EMT-I, Asst. Coordinator
Susan Figley	EMT-I, Secretary
Jane Chipman	EMT-I, Treasurer

Jill Davis	EMT-P
Jay Fountain	EMT-I
Bruce Chipman	EMT-I
Kristi O'Conner	EMT-I
Lori Avery	EMT-B
Kevin Lahaye	EMT-B

Grantham EMS is an active participant in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee EMS Region and the New London EMS district C-5. Our Medical Resource Hospital for providing Medical Control is New London Hospital and our primary patient transport agency is New London Ambulance Service.

If you have any interest joining or learning about the squad, we are always looking for new volunteers. Please feel free to speak to one of the members, visit our new web site, which you can reach through the town's site <http://www.granthamnh.net/>, and e-mail one of us, or just stop by at one of our monthly meetings. These are held on the 3rd Thursday of each Month at 6:00pm.

We as a squad would like to thank the people of Grantham and our town officials for their continued support and wish you all a safe and healthy 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Gillespie,
Coordinator



Grantham Fire + EMS host DHART Landing Zone training.



Fire + EMS Ice Rescue Training at Eastman.