

Report of the Emergency Management Department

The focus of the Emergency Management Department for 2020 centered around the global pandemic, and minimizing impact to our local community. Currently, the federal emergency declaration for COVID -19 is still in effect. As the State of New Hampshire ramped up its planning, coordination and response efforts starting in February 2020, the Town of Fremont followed along in close coordination. With support from the Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire and Rescue Command Group, Emergency Medical Services Captain, and the Town Health Officer the group worked closely together throughout the year to ensure the following objectives were met.

1. Keep the citizens of Fremont informed with relevant information through The Town's website, FCTV, Newsletters, and updates to the Board of Selectmen.
2. Support the overarching goals from the State of New Hampshire to minimize the impact and spread of the COVID-19 and protect those most vulnerable within our community.
3. Establish administrative and engineering controls to ensure Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS resources were properly protected and able to provide emergency services when called upon.
4. With assistance from the State of New Hampshire, and the Federal Government, procure necessary Personal Protective, and decontamination equipment to ensure continuity of operations for critical Town activities.
5. Coordinate with State and Federal agencies to receive appropriate disaster assistance.

At the start of this disaster, the Emergency Management Department was integrated directly into the State of New Hampshire's response through Web EOC. Through this system, along with twice daily conference calls and coordination meetings (at the start of the pandemic) we were kept aware of the most pressing information, as well as having a "voice at the table" to ensure our community was represented. This allowed the local team to make decisions on how best to prepare and protect our community as the months passed.

At the close of 2020 we have entered the first phase of vaccinations for the community, which is the best indication that we are approaching the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

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