

Report of the Emergency Management Department

For our community, 2023 consisted mostly of normal New England weather events. Additionally, the EM Department represented the Town at several local community exercises and training events relevant to our community.

Weather events – Throughout 2023 there were ten significant storms that initiated a response by the State of New Hampshire's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. This included four winter Storms, five heavy rain or flooding events, and one Hurricane (Lee). While impact to our community was minimal (minor power outages, and a few temporary road closures), Fremont's Emergency Management Department contributed to information dissemination between State officials and our local community leaders.

Local community exercises and training events – The EM Director was able to observe two local exercises that were relevant to our community. On September 26, 2023, the Fremont EMD was able to observe a Radiological Emergency Preparedness event (involving Seabrook Station) at the Kingston Emergency Operations Center located at the Fire Department. While this type of an event would not normally involve the Town of Fremont (since we are located outside the ten-mile Emergency Protection Zone (EPZ)), there would be an impact to some of our local roads in the event of an evacuation.

On November 7, 2023, there was a tabletop training exercise for SAU #17 (Sanborn Regional School District) involving the threat of an active shooter at the Regional High School. This training exercise examined response actions for a specific scenario and makes observations and recommendations to the local community leaders. The event lasted three hours and provided insight related to how our community would be involved if a real-world event occurs.

Lastly, on December 11 – 12, 2023, the EMD participated in a training session (sponsored by FEMA) on the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). The purpose of this training session was to provide direction and guidance on planning and managing local community events and training exercises that would be relevant to our community in the future.

Respectfully
submitted,

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2023 Public Safety Santa Parade – Photo Courtesy of Michelle Gallant