

York Township Emergency Management Agency  
November 20, 2008

Attendees:

Kathleen Dellinger, EMA Coordinator  
Jay Lewis, Deputy Communications Branch Director  
Robert Gage, Resource Support Branch Director  
Jim Shaffer, Public Works and Engineering Branch Director  
Ray Shaffer, Long Term Community Recovery and Mitigation Branch Director  
Dotty Anderson, Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services Branch Director  
Allen Britton, Public Information Officer  
Lou Tateosian, Deputy EMA Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

- 1) Handheld radios and pagers – York Township Emergency Management Agency have received two radios, one of which has been fully tested and passed. The other radio will soon be tested. Pagers are also on order, but have not yet been received.
- 2) Community Emergency Response Team training – The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. York Township recently sponsored a CERT class that finished on Nov. 15. Roughly 30 people attended and graduated, including five members of the York Township Emergency Management Agency. There are now eight members of the York Township EMA staff that are CERT trained. York County now has approximately 700 CERT-trained volunteers, more than any county in the state.
- 3) Notification and Resource Manual - This list of important resources and contact information will be updated sometime after January 1, 2009.
- 4) ECRIN (Evacuating County Residents In Need) - ECRIN is a voluntary, community outreach service to assist elected officials and emergency responders in municipalities across York County in obtaining important information on special needs residents living in their communities, in case an evacuation is needed.

ECRIN also assists residents by ensuring that all emergency response units (fire, police, EMA, etc) have access to the same information about each person -- thus decreasing confusion during an emergency situation. This standardized information decreases safety risks to both responders and residents in emergency situations.

York Township EMA is compiling an ECRIN list. The township commissioners approved the uploading of this information to the York County Department of Human Resources, which administers the list. For more information, please go to the following link:

<http://www.ychsd.org/TeamsProjects/ProjectsECRIN/tabid/197/Default.aspx>

5) Disaster Assessment Teams – Updated maps are needed to assist the EMA staff in the event that disaster assessment would need to be completed. Ray Shaffer plans to meet with township officials in the near future to obtain these updated maps.

6) Miscellaneous issues – Fundraising, work party, and fire chief’s meeting were also discussed in brief.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular staff meeting is December 18, 2008.

Jay Lewis  
Acting Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by  
Kathleen M Dellinger, EMA Coordinator