

*EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – TOWN OF EDGECOMB, ME.*

*Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010*

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*Our Mission:*

*To protect the lives and property of the citizens, and visitors, of the Town of Edgcomb ensuring mitigation of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from, the effects of natural and man-made disasters, consistent with the resources provided ...*

Since last year's report, the town has had a number of serious weather related incidents, as well as the H1N1 scare, that have affected some, or all, of its residents. Rising to the top of the list so far was the wind and rain storm that began on February 25 and ended on, or about, March 1, 2010. The effects of this storm touched all of us in Edgcomb as well as the rest of Lincoln County, leaving many without power for almost a week. The storm wreaked so much destruction in the State that there was a disaster declaration by President Obama that included our County. As you may, or may not know, when the Federal Government declares a disaster, it opens the door for us to attempt to recover some, or all, of the expenses incurred in dealing with these types of natural disasters and the damages they bring. In our case, we were able to qualify for recovery dollars that will have a very positive effect in keeping the town's cost-of-cleanup down to a minimum.

To help me with the responsibilities of the Office of the EMA, the Town Board has appointed two Deputy Directors, Stephanie Nelson, and Barry Johnson. They are also local residents of Edgcomb, and the three of us will be working with the Edgcomb Fire Department to lessen the effects of disaster on the lives and property of the people of Edgcomb through leadership, coordination, and support, in the four phases of emergency management: **mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery**, and to handle any of the following issues should they become a problem:

Civil Disorders, Dam/Embankment Failures, Earthquakes, Emergency Repatriation , Energy Emergencies, Epidemics ,Explosions ,Hazardous Material Incidents, Major Transportation Accidents , Nuclear Attack, Prison Escapes , Radiological Incidents , Resource Shortages , Search and Rescue , Severe Weather , Terrorism , Severe Fires , and Utility Failures, to name a few.

Stephanie, Barry, and I, look forward to serving the community and meeting everyone at the Town Meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. My contact information is: 36 Quarry Farm Rd., Edgcomb, ME. (207) 449-9240. Remember, in a true **EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1** from any land based or cell phone.

Respectfully submitted,

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