

## **REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

To the Honorable Selectboard:

We continued to collaborate with local schools, colleges and other institutions in developing safety plans to better respond to critical incidents. This includes obtaining and updating Emergency Operation Plans for institutions.

The fire and police departments participated in two training exercises with Fairview Hospital and the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

With a \$2,460 grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency we purchased a cruiser radio.

All applicable new town employees were trained in the Incident Command System 100 and the National Incident Management System 700 classes.

We participate in monthly meetings with the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee to coordinate critical incident response with eleven other towns.

GBPD hosts periodic meetings of a School Emergency Management Team which is comprised of Berkshire Hills Regional School District representatives, police/fire/ambulance and others to review and evaluate issues and policies related to school safety and response to critical incidents.

The Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was reviewed and updated.

Respectfully submitted,

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