

## **WALPOLE FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

This past year we have been finalizing our emergency operation plan. This should be completed in the first quarter of 2009. Next on the agenda will be the update of the hazardous mitigation plan. Larry and Scott have attended daytime and evening training sessions.

Thanks to the people in town who completed the questionnaire that was sent to them. It came in handy during the December ice storm and power outage. During the ice storm we experienced a few flaws in our coverage. Our biggest problem seems to be manpower to set up and settle the shelter. The Fire Department personnel were stretched pretty thin. We will be looking for some civilian help in the future. During the storm we did set up the town hall as a warming shelter.

Richard Hurlburt  
Emergency Management Director

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The Walpole Fire/E.M.S. responded to 416 calls for assistance this past year. I would like to thank all the businesses, contractors, and other individuals who allowed the volunteers to take time out of the business day to respond to the emergency tasks assigned to us. It is the pride this community takes in its emergency services that allows this to happen.

We received a new Zodiac inflatable board with a 25h.p. motor which has proven to be a great asset in our water rescue capabilities.

The Walpole Fire/E.M.S. is actively offering continuing education, training, and recertifications to our E.M.T.s, and fire fighters.

This past year proved to be our busiest year ever. We had 116 calls more than our previous year. In December 08 we had 58 emergency responses. Our personnel have handled it remarkable well. This goes to show our dedication to the department and community.

I would like to thank the commissars and district treasurer for the time given to the district. I would like to thank Assistant Chief Mark Houghton, Captain Herb Hurlburt, and all the officers of the Walpole Fire/M.M.S., for the extra time they give. The success of this department would not be possible without the total team effort given by these dedicated individuals.

To all the Walpole Fire/E.M.S. personnel who make many sacrifices and dedicate themselves to training, responding to emergencies, and station activities. Thank you!

Richard Hurlburt  
Chief Walpole Fire/E.M.S.