



# News from Hancock County Emergency Management

## WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR

Introducing the new Director of the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency:  
Andrew Sankey

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A resident of Gouldsboro since 1999, Andrew has served as Gouldsboro's Emergency Management Director, as well as a volunteer fire fighter for both the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor fire departments. In recent years he's served as Hancock County's Emergency Coordinator for amateur radio emergency services, chair of the Hancock County LEPC, and as a member of the County's IMAT team. In Gouldsboro he's served as a member of the school board, Harbor Committee, Budget Committee, Planning Board, and Board of Appeals, and continues to serve on other various civic and nonprofit boards and committees throughout



the region. Prior to becoming our EMA director, Andrew was employed as a vice-president and corporate security officer with Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Ellsworth.

Andrew has hit the ground running! Having been mentored by previous director Ralph Pinkham, participating in numerous county, state, and federal EMA trainings and exercises, and compiling an impressive résumé of education and experience in emergency management, Andrew has seamlessly taken on the challenges of the department and has identified the many opportunities that exist to further serve our EMA partners.

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## 4th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference

Augusta Civic Center

Tuesday & Wednesday - April 24 - 25, 2012



### Hosted by:

- Maine Emergency Management Agency
- International Association of Emergency Managers, Region 1
- State Emergency Response Commission and
- Maine Association for Local Emergency Managers

To register go to <http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/>

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) defines preparedness as "a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination during incident response."



## **Basic Information Officer Course (G290)**

**April 4 & 5, 2012**

The Maine Emergency Management Agency will be conducting a training seminar on the Federal Emergency Management Agency training program for Public Information Officers (PIO). In order to be NIMS compliant all agencies must have a designated and trained Public Information Officer.

This 2-day course is intended for the new or less experienced PIO. Program emphasis is on the basic skills and knowledge needed for emergency management public information activities. Topics include the role of the PIO in emergency management, conducting awareness campaigns, news release writing public speaking, and television interviews.

### **Prerequisite**

Completion of FEMA Public Information Officer Awareness Course (G289 or IS-29) is a prerequisite for attendance of the program. IS-29 is an online course, found at:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is29.asp>

Please include a copy of the certificate of completion of the prerequisite with application.

### **Selection Criteria:**

State, County and local emergency management and emergency services staff who have either full or part time direct responsibility for public information in their communities or departments. Applicants will include an organizational chart indicating their position in local or departmental public information functions. Students should bring copies of their PIO plan to the class. A laptop computer, if available, is also helpful.

### **Instructors:**

Lynette Miller, MEMA PIO, and Mike Grant, MEMA Training Officer will serve as instructors.

**Contact:** 207-624-4400

### **Course Location:**

Town of Hampden Public Safety facility  
106 Western Avenue , Hampden  
Classes will run from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.  
Lunch and breaks will be provided  
Lodging is available upon qualification.  
Contact MEMA training for prior approval. All other expenses are the responsibility of the student. We are an equal opportunity educational provider.

### **For More Information:**

All applications should be submitted by email/fax via FEMA training application form found on [the MEMA Training Office web page.](#)

## **Responding to the #1 Threat to your Water Supply**

Date: **April 26, 2012**

Time: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM (Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m)

Location: Old Town Airport Terminal Building  
Airport Drive

Old Town , Maine

### **Overview of Training**

This workshop will provide participants with the knowledge needed to respond to a fuel and/or chemical spill that can occur at traffic accidents. These spills can contaminate surface water supplies, watersheds and wellhead areas. Spills into combined sewer systems can affect collection systems and treatment works.

### **Who Should Attend?**

Water System Managers and Operators, Wastewater System Managers, First Responders, State Responders and WARN members.

### **Prerequisite**

Participants should have completed ICS 100. This course is available on FEMA's website at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

### **Instructor**

Raymond Lussier of Life Safety Specialists, Inc. has worked with municipal and industrial clients across New England since 1988 in the areas of emergency response, safety training, NIMS compliance and Incident Command Training. Ray has worked as an operator in water distribution and wastewater collection, and as a pipeline contractor. Ray serves on the MEWARN as a member of the Steering Committee.

Ray serves as a Trustee for the Paris Utility District in South Paris, Maine.

### **Agency Approval**

ME DWP: 6 TCH's

ME DEP: 6 TCH's

### **Course Fee**

This is a free course for licensed Water Operators. There is a \$10 registration fee for all others.

### **Register by phone or email to:**

Life Safety Specialists, Inc.

207-744-0135

Email: [raylss@megalink.net](mailto:raylss@megalink.net)

Sponsored by the Maine Drinking Water Program



**TECHNICAL LARGE ANIMAL EMERGENCY RESCUE™ COURSE**  
**JUNE 30, JULY 1 & 2, 2012**

**Primary Instructors:**  
**Drs. Tomas & Rebecca Gimenez**

**Assistant Instructor:**  
**Michelle Melaragno**  
**(Course Coordinator)**

**Have you ever responded to a structural fire on a farm and the owner was not home?**

Livestock are very sensitive and responsive to fire anywhere within their sensory range. Normal reactions vary from nervousness, to panic, to aggressive and resistive escape attempts. Livestock are often injured or killed by fleeing from a fire into

fences, barriers and other fire risks. Once the flight syndrome kicks in, it is retained long after the smoke, heat and noise stimuli are removed.

Some animal species such as alpacas, llamas and especially horses become virtually unmanageable in the face of oncoming fire. In situations like this, experienced handlers (as many as possible), proper equipment, and a firm and prompt evacuation approach is needed.

And, of course, planning for emergencies is crucial.

**TLAER™ Operations Level course in Windham, ME will take place on June 30, July 1 & 2.**

**TLAER™ Training Topics:**

- Emergency & Disaster Preparedness
- Basic Concepts in Large Animal Rescue
- Containment, Handling & Restraint of Live Animals
- Leading & Loading of Live Animals
- HAZMAT Issues in TLAER
- Incident Command System in TLAER
- The Large Animal Veterinarian, Owner, Animal Control
- Emergency Field Euthanasia
- Basic TLAER Rescue Equipment
- Intro to Mechanical & Rope Systems in TLAER
- Forward Assist, Backward Drag, Hampshire Slip
- Manipulation of Live Large Animals
- Simple Vertical Lift Systems
- Trailer Incident Response
- Livestock Trailer Overturns
- Response to Fire (barn or wild fires)
- Agro-terrorism & Foreign Animal Disease
- Disasters & TLAER Response
- Evacuation Planning (emergency & disaster)
- Night Search & Rescue Operations
- Employment of Rescue Glide
- Water Rescue Theory (water, ice, mud)

Natural or man-made emergencies and disasters can happen at anytime.

The only defense we have is PREPARATION!  
TLAER™ training demonstrates the basic concepts applicable to SAFE and EFFECTIVE methods of Technical Rescue of injured or entrapped LARGE ANIMALS

**Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue™ Course Registration**

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Name

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Organization

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Address

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City State Zip

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Phone

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E-mail

Registration Fees  
Hands On\* (limited to 40)

By May 25 = \$500  
After May 25 = \$525

(Hands on course fee includes TLAER textbook)  
Audit (limited to 30)

By May 25 = \$150  
After May 25 = \$175

Make checks payable to:  
Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals

Mail to:  
Attn: Michelle Melaragno

MSSPA  
PO Box 10  
South Windham, ME 04082  
Call 207-892-3040 to use a major credit card  
For more information contact

Michelle Melaragno  
michelle@msspa.org 207-892-3040

\*Priority will be given to First Responders (Fire, Rescue & Police personnel, Veterinarians, Animal Control & Humane Agents, CERT/CART Members)

## Earthquakes Do Happen in Maine...and in Hancock County

### How can I protect myself in an earthquake?

#### If indoors

- **DROP** to the ground; take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.
- Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.
- Stay in bed if you are there when the earthquake strikes. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall. In that case, move to the nearest safe place.
- Use a doorway for shelter only if it is in close proximity to you and if you know it is a strongly supported, load bearing doorway.
- Stay inside until shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on. **DO NOT** use the elevators.

#### If outdoors

- Stay there.
- Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires.
- Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings, at exits, and alongside exterior walls. . Most earthquake-related casualties result from collapsing walls, flying glass, and falling objects.

#### If in a moving vehicle

- Stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires.
- Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that might have been damaged by the earthquake.

#### If trapped under debris

- Do not light a match.
- Do not move about or kick up dust.
- Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing.

### Last Earthquake in Maine: Preliminary Earthquake Report

Magnitude 1.4 MAINE

Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 05:43:04 UTC  
44 km (27 miles) North of Calais

- Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.



Earthquakes in Hancock County since 2000:

Date	Magnitude	Location
12-Dec-11	magnitude 2.3	Sedgwick, about 8 miles southeast of Castine, mid-coast Maine
7-Jul-11	magnitude 2.3	Brooksville, about 4 miles east of Castine, mid-coast Maine
April 30 - May 5, 2011	magnitude 1.7 and less	<a href="#">Bucksport - Searsport area, microquake swarm</a>
<a href="#">June 23, 2010*</a>	magnitude 5.0	Canada, about 35 miles north-northeast of Ottawa. Felt in southwestern Maine.
30-Mar-10	magnitude 3.0	near Orrington-Bucksport line, about 7 miles north of Bucksport
30-May-08	magnitude 2.4(C)	Flanders Bay, about 7 miles northeast of Bar Harbor
March 4, 2007*	magnitude 2.2	About 10 miles east-southeast of Isle Au Haut (offshore)
26-Feb-07	magnitude 1.7	approx. 7 miles north-northwest of Ellsworth
29-Dec-06	magnitude 3.1	east of Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert Island
18-Dec-06	magnitude 2.3	east of Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert Island
22-Oct-06	magnitude 2.3	east of Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert Island
2-Oct-06	magnitude 4.2	east of Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert Island
28-Sep-06	magnitude 2.5	east of Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert Island
22-Sep-06	magnitude 3.4	east of Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert Island
<a href="#">March 6, 2005*</a>	magnitude 5.4	northeast of Quebec City, Canada (felt widely across Maine)
<a href="#">25-Feb-02</a>	magnitude 2.6	about 4 miles southwest of Bucksport
1-Jul-01	magnitude 1.3	approx. 2 miles southwest of Bucksport

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## IMPORTANT LINKS

### Maine Emergency Management Agency

Home: [www.maine.gov/mema](http://www.maine.gov/mema)  
Library: [www.maine.gov/mema/mema\\_library.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/mema/mema_library.shtml)

### Maine Prepares

Home: [www.maine.gov/mema/prepare](http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare)

### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Home: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
Training: <http://training.fema.gov>  
Grants: [www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm)  
Assistance: [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)

### Domestic Preparedness Support

U. S. Department of Homeland Security [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)  
NIMS Resource Center <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims>

### Lessons Learned Information Sharing System

[www.llis.gov](http://www.llis.gov)

### Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

<http://hseep.dhs.gov>

### Center Disease Control

Maine CDC: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh>  
U.S. CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov>  
Flu.gov <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

The HC EMA is on call 24 hours a day for emergency situations. The director coordinates emergency responses that require resources beyond the capability of a municipality, is the authority to activate the County HAZMAT/WMD Regional Response Team, the Maine Army National Guard WMD/CST, and any State or Federal resource. The HC EMA facilitates the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and carries out Directives from Maine Emergency Management and The U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



Ready America [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

National Weather Service—Caribou, Maine  
<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/car/>

Maine ARES <http://www.maineares.org>

### 2-1-1 Maine

Home: [www.211maine.org](http://www.211maine.org)

### 5-1-1 Maine (Maine DOT Travel Information)

Home: [www.511maine.gov](http://www.511maine.gov)

### American Red Cross Pine Tree Chapter (Northern and Eastern Maine)

Home: <http://www.pinetree.redcross.org/>

### Volunteer Maine

Home: [www.volunteermaine.org](http://www.volunteermaine.org)

### Marine Safety

<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/healthsafety.htm>

### Maine Forest Service

<http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/>

### Disaster Assistance

[www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)

