



MEMA REPORTS

MEMA REPORTS is a newsletter produced by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to help keep the Public Safety community of Massachusetts better informed about Emergency Management issues. MEMA REPORTS also appears on the MEMA website: www.mass.gov/mema.

January 2020

Volume 20, Issue 1

Massachusetts' Emergency Management Program Receives National Reaccreditation

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Emergency Management Program has received full reaccreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), signifying that the Commonwealth's Emergency Management Program, led by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), meets or exceeds national standards for emergency management.

"Our Emergency Management Program is key to protecting lives, property, and infrastructure during times of crisis," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "By guiding our prevention, preparation, response, and recovery efforts, this program is a framework for confronting the modern hazards that can arise without warning at any time and in any place. I want to commend MEMA staff and leadership for all their work making Massachusetts more resilient and consistently meeting the high standards necessary for EMAP accreditation."

"Independent evaluation is important and affirms that the Commonwealth continues to strengthen a comprehensive emergency management program that meets sixty-four industry-recognized standards," **said MEMA Director Samantha Phillips**. "Reaccreditation recognizes our ability to convene our partners and work collaboratively in preparation for, and in response to, a disaster of any type."

EMAP is a voluntary national accreditation process for state, territorial, and local government programs and included a peer-review on-site assessment by a team of EMAP trained assessors. The accreditation process evaluates emergency management programs on compliance with requirements in sixteen areas, including planning; resource management; training; exercises, evaluations, and corrective actions; communications and warning; and administration. This forms the foundation of the nation's emergency preparedness system. EMAP is the only accreditation process for emergency management programs.



For more, see: <https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-emergency-management-program-receives-national-reaccreditation>

Winter Season Brings Severe Weather and Extreme Cold Hazards

With winter here, there are a variety of hazards that Massachusetts faces. MEMA's website include safety tips for winter and year-round hazards. MEMA encourages our partners to share these resources and tips with stakeholders to help keep residents and visitors safe before, during and after severe weather and emergencies:

[Winter Storm Safety Tips](#)
[Winter Weather Driving](#)
[Extreme Cold Safety Tips](#)
[Power Outage Safety Tips](#)
[Flood Safety Tips](#)
[Nor'easter & Coastal Storm Safety Tips](#)
[Roof Collapse and Snow Removal Safety Information](#)
[Winter Pet Safety Tips](#)



Our state partner agencies also have more seasonal safety information including:

[Winter Home Heating Safety](#)
[Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms](#)
[Ice and Cold Water Safety](#)

We've Reached 100,000 Twitter Followers!

Are you on Twitter? Give our account (@MassEMA) a follow. Twitter and Facebook are just two of the ways we provide info before, during, and after emergencies. Thank you to our followers for making us the largest state emergency management Twitter account in the country!

Not on Twitter? Check out and "like" our

Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA). We appreciate the over 73,000 Facebook users who follow us for updates.



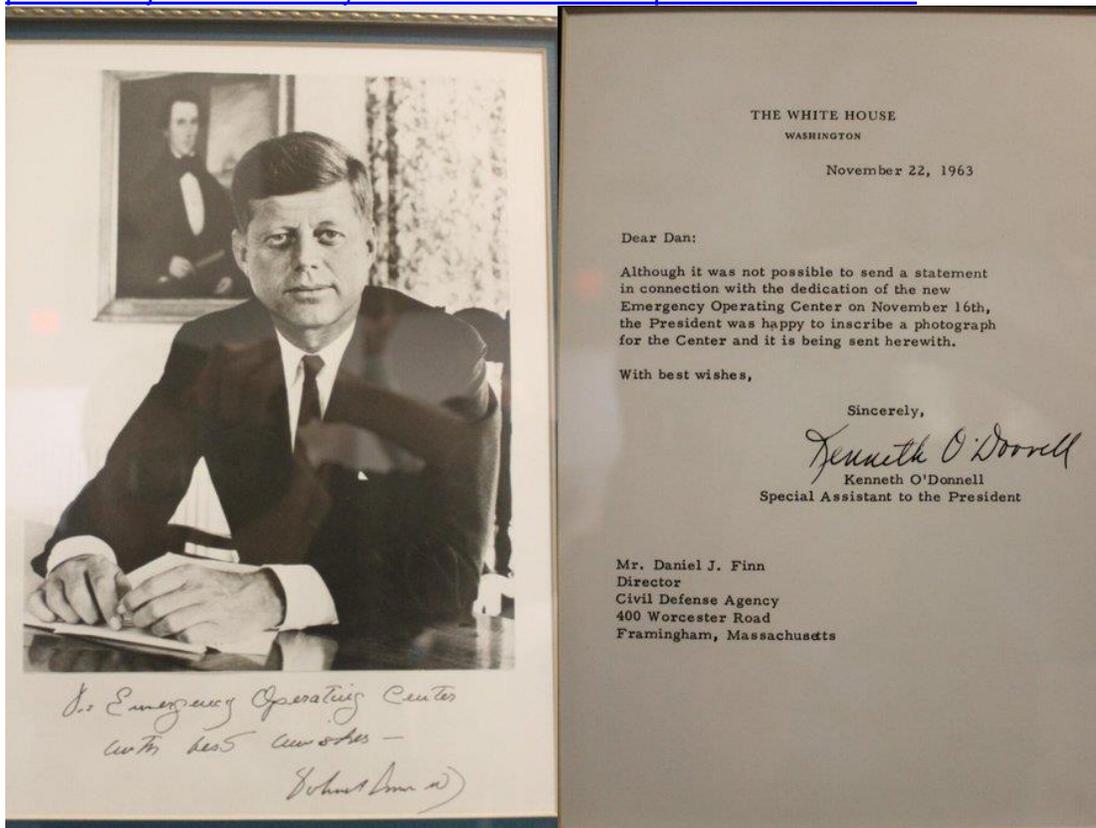
MEMA's Letter From President Kennedy—Dated The Day Of His Death

Due to the Cold War of the 1960's, President John F. Kennedy planned for each state to have a facility to ensure continuity of government. Being a Massachusetts native, President Kennedy had the first-in-the-nation, underground blast-proof Operations Center constructed here in his home state.

The MEMA "bunker" was dedicated on Saturday, November 16, 1963. President Kennedy was invited, but unable to attend, and sent his regrets. The letter of regret, written by aide Ken O'Donnell, hangs in our lobby and is dated November 22nd, 1963 - the date of JFK's assassination.

Check out this WBZ News Radio story for more:

<https://wbznewsradio.heart.com/content/mema-state-emergency-operations-center-jfk-president-john-f-kennedy-assassination-letter-photo-chris-besse/>



Public Assistance Project Highlight: MacMillan Pier, Provincetown

On November 14th, the Town of Provincetown kicked off a marina reconstruction project to repair damages to the MacMillan Pier resulting from severe storms in 2013 and 2015. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is funding 75% (approximately \$3.4 million) of the \$4.5 million project. Speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony included Lorraine Eddy (MEMA), Fred Vanderschmidt (FEMA), Sarah Peake (State Representative), David Abramsom (Selectboard Chair), Regine Binder (Chair Provincetown Public Pier Corporation), and Doug Boulanger (Pier Manager). The completion of the project is scheduled for mid-February 2020. "We are so grateful to FEMA and to MEMA. The dedication of the Federal and State officials working with our staff in securing these funds on behalf of our tenants and townspeople has been extraordinary. Now, with the wave attenuator money, we can finally properly protect the asset and ensure the viability of the pier as an economic engine for decades to come." said Regina Binder, chair of the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation.

Update on March 2018 Nor'Easters

March 2-4 Storm (FEMA DR-4372)

On June 25, 2018, the Commonwealth received a disaster declaration authorizing FEMA Public Assistance funding for eligible applicants in the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Nantucket, Norfolk, and Plymouth as a result of the March 2-3, 2018 severe winter storm and flooding event. Funding is authorized for an applicant's storm-related costs including

emergency work, as well as permanent repair and restoration of damaged facilities as a result of the storm event. FEMA has approved 118 Eligible Applicants for this disaster. All exploratory calls and Recovery Scoping meetings have been conducted with eligible applicants, to identify and document damages related to the event. To date, 364 projects, totaling \$12,746,837 (federal share) have been obligated by FEMA to sub-recipients.

March 13 Storm (FEMA DR-4379)

On July 19, 2018, the Commonwealth received a disaster declaration authorizing FEMA Public Assistance funding for eligible applicants in the counties of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Worcester as a result of the March 13-14, 2018 winter storm and snowstorm event. Funding is authorized for an applicant’s storm-related costs including snow removal, emergency work, and permanent repair/restoration of damaged facilities as a result of the storm event. FEMA has approved 178 Eligible Applicants for this disaster. All exploratory calls and Recovery Scoping meetings have been conducted with eligible applicants, to identify and document damages related to the event. To date, 361 projects, totaling \$33,734,035 (federal share) have been obligated by FEMA to sub-recipients.

MEMA Training Update

From September - December, MEMA’s Training and Exercise Unit hosted 43 courses across the state with 922 students:

Class	Location
ArcGIS Collector App Training (CollApp)	Framingham
Basic Public Information Officer Course (G290)	Agawam & Lowell
Basic Shelter Operations (BSO)	Agawam, Brockton, & Sandwich
Benefit-Cost Analysis: Basic Level (BCA)	Framingham
Commodity Points of Distribution (CPOD)	Chatham
Community Emergency Response Team CERT (G-248)	Newton
Critical Asset Risk Management (CARM)	Foxborough
Emergency Ops Ctr Mgt & Ops (G-775)	Agawam, Brookline, Hingham, & Worcester
High Consequence Incidents: Planning, Response & Recovery (PER-372)	Agawam
ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (ICS-200)	New Braintree
ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Agawam, Boston, Concord, Great Barrington, Hanson, New Braintree, Plymouth, Worcester
ICS-400: Advanced ICS (ICS-400)	Barnstable, Boston, Bourne, Holyoke, Worcester
Incident Command System/Emergency Ops Ctr Interface (G-191)	Westborough
Introduction to WebEOC for Local Officials (WebEOC)	Chatham, Leominster, Sandwich, Walpole
Local Mitigation Planning Workshop (G-318.5)	Springfield
National Incident Management System & Introduction to the Incident Command System (NIMS-700/ICS-100)	Boston, Middleborough
State Emergency Orientation (EOC-1)	Framingham
Until Help Arrives	West Brookfield
WebEOC - MEMA	Framingham

Wide Area Search (PER-213)	Chicopee
WMD/Terrorism Standard Awareness (AWR-160)	Wilbraham

In 2019, including MEMA’s Preparedness Conference, 3,118 students have taken 119 MEMA supported classes. For MEMA Training opportunities, visit: <https://www.mass.gov/training-exercises-and-conferences>.

MEMA’S Mission Statement

MEMA is the state agency charged with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures. MEMA is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector - - individuals, families, non-profits, and businesses - - MEMA ensures the Commonwealth’s ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, coordinating response operations, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover.

Stay Connected with MEMA

MEMA Website – www.mass.gov/mema

Twitter - www.twitter.com/MassEMA

Facebook - www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA

YouTube - www.youtube.com/MassachusettsEMA

