

Community Involvement in Emergency Management: Western NY and Cross Border Planning, Stephanie Burgess, CSP, MBA, Operations Manager, Safety, Health and Environmental, Chair Erie County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Emergency Management is an important topic in to businesses. Based on recent events and the regulatory and legal environment of the past few years. Media events and employee concern often are addressed only after an emergency occurs. Communities and organizations have the opportunity through effective emergency management programs to minimize risks and provide for mitigate the long term affect of recovery.

The local community has many partners that should be a part of the planning process. Many are involved for different reasons. The opportunity to get to know the pears before an event occurs is critical and will lead to the ability to prepare for, prevent, respond and mitigate Emergency Events more quickly. The Western New York area involves many planning partners which will be overviewed in this session. The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans of Erie, Niagara and the province of Niagara have been used and continue to be developed to best serve our community.