

Emergency Management Annual Report for 2004

The Lincoln Emergency Management program is based on developing and improving coordination among the various public safety agencies in Lincoln, the surrounding area, and the state.

In the summer of 2004 Emergency Management designed a drill in coordination with New Hampshire Emergency Management and various other regional agencies. The purpose of the drill was to gauge our response to a shooting incident in Lincoln. The Lin-Wood School allowed us to use the elementary school area for the exercise. Participating public safety personnel were not given any prior information about the type of incident or the timing of the drill.

The response was extremely good. The New Hampshire Special Operations unit responded and provided a trained officer to deal with the incident. The Lincoln Police coordinated the command post and incident. The Fire Department assisted by taking over traffic control and other duties. The Linwood Ambulance provided care for the volunteer "victims". These exercises provide us with the ability to critique our response and build upon our

procedures to ensure that we can do a better job in the future.

The Emergency Management office has also instituted a search and rescue team through the citizen corps. This is still being developed and it is expected that the team, which consists of Lincoln, Woodstock and Franconia residents, will be operational by the end of the summer.

In 2005 we will be working further to improve our service to the community and we will be striving to improve our capabilities to respond to any future incidents.

Respectfully submitted,

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