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ITEM NO. 12 b
DESK ITEM

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: October 17, 2005
TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: VERBAL REPORT/PRESENTATION ON TOWN'S EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

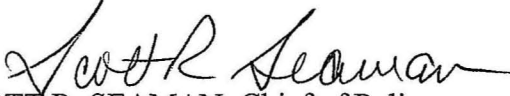
Accept report/presentation on Town's Emergency Preparedness/Response Plan

DISCUSSION:

Attached is an updated version of the visual presentation that staff will be using during the verbal presentation (Attachment 1).

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Emergency Preparedness Overview - updated


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Reviewed by: PSJ Assistant Town Manager OK Town Attorney _____ Clerk Administrator
_____ Finance _____ Community Development Revised: 10/17/05 1:00 pm

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Emergency Preparedness Overview

October 17, 2005

Today's Context

- Anniversary of Loma Prieta Earthquake
- Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Flooding in New Hampshire
- Wildland fires
- Improved Computer Modeling of Earthquake Predictions

The Emergency Preparedness System

- Field
 - Local
 - Operational Area (County)
 - Region
 - State
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- Mutual Aid Network, ICS, SEMS, NIMS, Homeland Defense

Emergency Response Planning

- Pre-planning of most likely incidents
- Plans meet state standards
- Yearly exercises to test elements of response capability
 - Golden Guardian exercise in November '05

Emergency Personnel

- EOC personnel
 - Town Manager is Director
 - Police Chief is Assistant Director
 - Department Heads lead major sections
- Emergency Manager's Association & Emergency Preparedness Council
- Volunteer support of EOC and Emergency Preparedness
 - Benefits and vulnerabilities

Multi-Level Approach to Local Disaster

- Town staff, mutual aid
- DART & Volunteers
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
 - Goal of self reliance
- Future potential to develop business and school emergency components like CERT

Our Experience

- Loma Prieta Earthquake
- Cats Hill Fire
- Training in domestic preparedness since 9-11

Issues to Anticipate

- Evacuation of needy
- Ingress/egress
- Acceptance and use of volunteers
- Neighborhood and business district self-reliance
- Communications & coordination within Town Staff and between agencies
- Pets/animals
- Where our staff live
- Community expectation in major disaster
 - Effective emergency response
 - Quickly move to recovery
- Limitations of existing EOC facility
- Staffing

Role of the Council

- Council plays their normal roles as community leaders and policy makers
 - Stay informed
 - Provide appropriate assurances to community as warranted
 - Ensure staff is aware of community expectations and needs as seen through the eyes of the Council
 - Make important policy decisions that aid in response or recovery
 - There is not an active role for Council in the EOC as emergency response is a staff role