





### SUNY CANTON FIRE

FEBRUARY 10, 2012 CANTON, NEW YORK

For NYSEMA Winter Conference February 13, 2013







### Presenters...

Ron Raymond, NYSOEM, Regional Coordinator, Region IV

Chris Taylor, NYSOFP&C, Fire Protection Specialist

Dr. Joseph Kennedy, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, State University of New York, and Past-President of SUNY Canton

### THE "TEAM"

- OVER (40) AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS, COMPANIES AND HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ALL CAME TOGETHER AND WORKED TOGETHER TO PRODUCE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THIS INCIDENT, FROM SUPPRESSION THROUGH TO REPOPULATION OF THE CAMPUS, AND BEYOND TO THE REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DAMAGED BUILDINGS.
- ACKNOWLEDGE,
- GIVE CREDIT,
- THANK THEM
- LATER, IN DR. KENNEDY'S PRESENTATION, HE WILLLIST THE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

### THE FORMAT...

- OVERVIEW
- GENERAL INCIDENT INFORMATION
- **\*** LESSONS LEARNED
- CHRIS TAYLOR
  - **\*** FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
  - **\*** HAZ-MAT OPERATIONS
  - DECONTAMINATION
  - **\*** LESSONS LEARNED
- **⋄**DR, KENNEDY
  - OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY
  - UNIVERSITY ACTIONS
  - **\*** STATUS TODAY
  - LESSONS LEARNED

### CAVEAT...

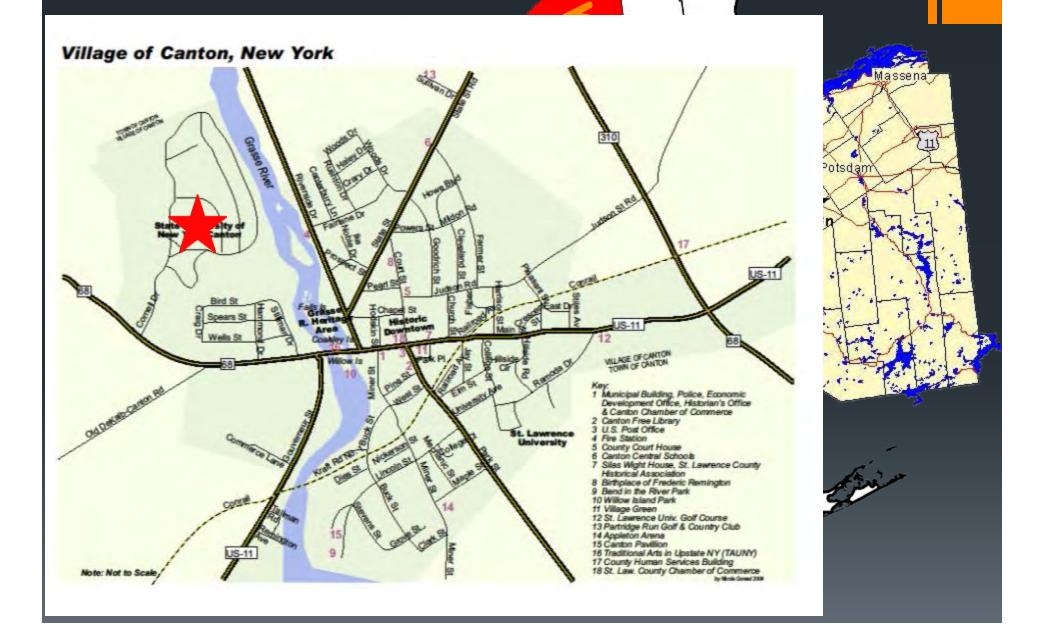
# THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE THE "50,000-FOOT VIEW"

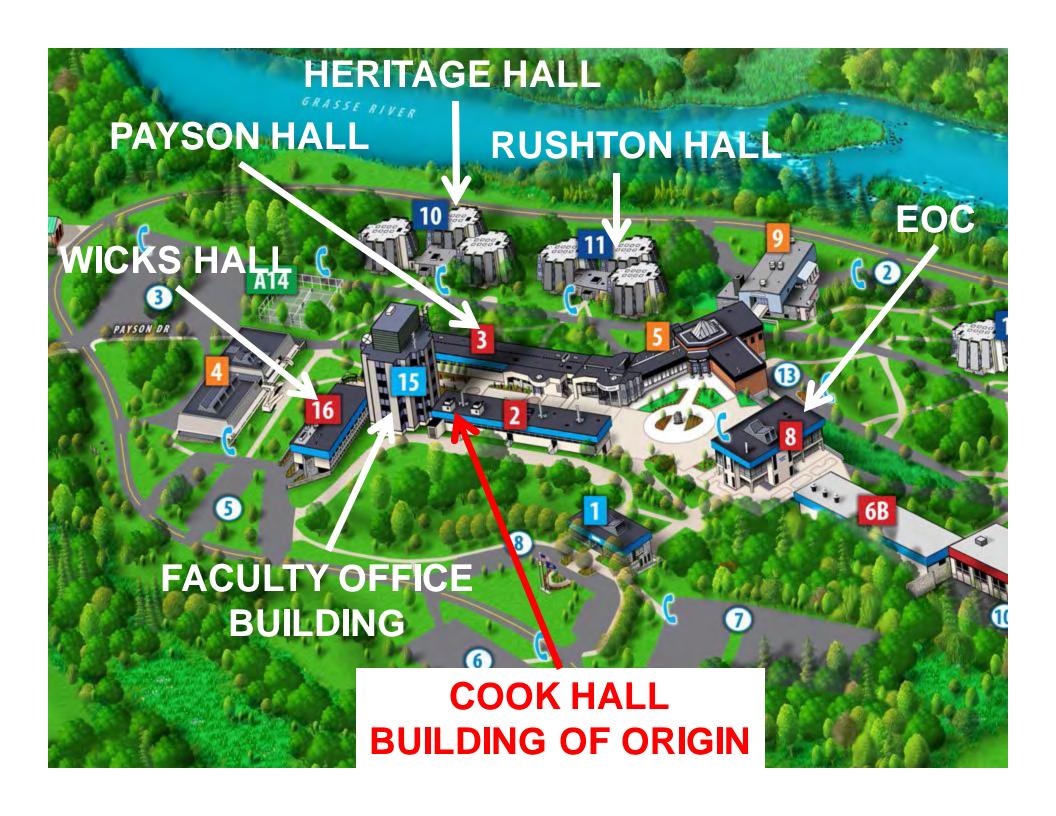
### NYSOEM BACKGROUND...

- □Tuesday, February 07, 2012
  - □NYSOEM Region IV, first Region to be divided, ("North & South") and myself and Tom McCartney received "field promotions" to be the Acting Regional Directors...



### ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY





### Friday, February 10, 2012

- □13:15 NEW YORK STATE WATCH CENTER "...WORKING FIRE IN THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY AT SUNY CANTON"
- ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGER/FIRE COORDINATOR
  - "...PRETTY BAD FIRE, CHEMICAL STORAGE ROOM, UNKNOWN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND CONTAMINANTS, HAVE (10) FIRE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, COUNTY HAZMAT ON THE SCENE, DECON IS SETUP, "... COULD USE YOU HERE."
- DEPUTY EM CONFIRMS PREVIOUS INFORMATION AND ADDING THAT SUNY OFFICIALS, NYSOFP&C AND NYSDEC WERE ON SCENE, AND OPTECH IS ENROUTE.\*\*\*

- □CHRIS TAYLOR\*\*\*
  - DOES INSPECTIONS AT THE CAMPUS AND HAS

    ACCESS TO BLUEPRINTS AND PLANS FOR ALL THE

    AFFECTED BUILDINGS
  - CONFIRMS INFORMATION FROM EM AND DEM
  - WORKING WITH SUNY CANTON PRESIDENT DR. JOSEPH KENNEDY\*\*\*
  - OFP&C INVESTIGATORS ENROUTE
  - CONTAINING RUNOFF IN HOLDING RESERVOIR
  - OPTECH MAY NOT BE ENROUTE, MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CALLED\*\*\*

- DR. KENNEDY CONFIRMS THAT OPTECH HAS NOT BEEN CALLED\*\*\*
- STUDENTS ARE BEING SENT HOME LEAVING CAMPUS TOMORROW\*\*\*
- NO CLASSES NEXT WEEK\*\*\*
- NYSOGS: BIDS ARE OUT FOR TESTING AND CLEANUP, RESULTS ARE DUE IN AT 16:00, SELECTION/AWARD TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY

- **CANTON FIRE CHIEF:** 
  - SUBSTANTIALLY OUT, BUT, ACTIVE FIRE ON THE ROOF OF COOK HALL (BUILDING OF ORIGIN)
  - UNIT WITH (700) GALLONS OF GLYCOL IS LEAKING
  - COOK SIGNIFICANT FIRE, SMOKE, WATER AND STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, UNKNOWN CONTAMINATION
  - □FOB FIRE/HEAT, SMOKE AND WATER CONDITIONS/DAMAGE
  - WICKS AND PAYSON HALLS SMOKE CONTAMINATION
  - RUSHTON AND HERITAGE POSSIBLE SMOKE CONTAMINATION
  - AFFECTED BUILDINGS WERE EVACUATED IMMEDIATELY
  - NO INJURIES OR FATALITIES\*\*\*
  - ■30-40 FIREFIGHTERS BEING DECONTAMINATED

- PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND SUNY CANTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM (SCEMT)
  - DISPOSITION OF STUDENTS
  - ACCOUNTABILITY OF THOSE "EXPOSED"
  - "WHAT-IFS" AND CONSEQUENCE/CONTINGENCIES
  - FACILITATE THE 3-Cs
- COUNTY EM/FC, NYSOFP&C, NYSDEC, NYSDOH\*\*\*, NYSOGS\*\*\* AND SCUP MEETING
- REQUESTED THE SCEMT MEET WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE THAT NIGHT
  - DISCUSS THEIR OBSERVATIONS, STATUS OF THINGS THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND FUTURE CONCERNS, AND DIRECTLY ASK THEM QUESTIONS

- NYSOGS HIRED ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES
- ARRIVAL TOMORROW MORNING (SATURDAY/DAY 2)
- LABORATORY SELECTION?
  - ■WORKING THE WEEKEND?
  - SUGGESTION BY NYSDOH AND SUPPORTED BY NYSOEM TO SEND SAMPLES TO WADSWORTH IN ALBANY\*\*\*
  - CONTINUITY OF CUSTODY BY ALL-STATE AGENCIES
  - "PREMIER LABORATORY IN THE COUNTRY"
  - ☐IF WEEKEND WORKA PROBLEM WILL GO TO COMMISSIONER
  - SUNY CANTON UNIVERSITY POLICE (SCUP) CAN/WILL ALSO ASSIST AS NECESSARY WITH TRANSPORT

### Saturday, February 11, 2012

- "WHITE-BOARDED" VITAL INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT WAS KNOWN AND WHAT NEEDED TO BE KNOWN
- MET WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THE SCEMT
  - STATUS, OBJECTIVES, MORE "WHAT-IFS" AND CONTINGENCIES
  - PRINCIPAL AGENCIES BEGAN SETTING UP OFFICES IN THE SOUTHWORTH LIBRARY BUILDING\*\*\*
  - SET UP FOR (2) FACE-TO-FACE BRIEFINGS PER DAY WITH ALL PRINCIPALS\*\*\*

### Saturday, February 11, 2012

- DISCUSSION THAT BUILDINGS DO HAVE ASBESTOS
  - NYSOGS HAS HIRED CLEAN HARBORS FOR CLEANUP AND DECON\*\*\*
- SC DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES ANNOUNCES THAT COOK HALL WINDOW CAULKING CONTAINS PCBs
- "NEW BALL GAME"
  - ■STRICTLY REGULATED, REGARDLESS OF THE QUANTITY
  - □ COMPLICATES SAMPLING, TESTING
  - CONCERN REGARDING EXPOSURES
- NEED EHS PLAN!\*\*\*
  - WORK WITH SUNY POTSDAM EHS DEPARTMENT

### OBJECTIVES

- IDENTIFY AND QUANTIFY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVOLVED, AND POTENTIAL INITIAL AND/OR LONG-TERM EXPOSURE THREATS/RISKS TO PEOPLE, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT – AIR/SURFACE/DEBRIS SAMPLING/TESTING
- IDENTIFY WHERE AND WHAT TYPE OF DECONTAMINATION IS REQUIRED AND/OR PRACTICAL
- ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT OF BUILDING OF ORIGIN FOR SAFETY
  - DETERMINE IF SAFE TO CONDUCT SAMPLING, FIRE INVESTIGATION
  - DETERMINE IF SAFE TO CONDUCT DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
  - DETERMINE SAFETY AND FEASIBILITY OF REPAIR, REBUILD, OR DEMOLISH.
- ENCLOSURE AND SECURITY OF BUILDINGS

### OBJECTIVES (cont.)...

- CONDUCT AIR AND SURFACE SAMPLING AND ASSESSMENT IN (5) OTHER BUILDINGS TO IDENTIFY AND QUANTIFY CONTAMINATION
- ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FIRE WATCH ON THE BUILDING OF ORIGIN AND THE 6-STORY FACULTY OFFICE BUILDING DUE TO POSSIBLE RE-KINDLE AND THE LOSS OF ITS FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM(S)
- STOP WATER LEAK IN THE FACULTY OFFICE BUILDING DUE TO DAMAGED WATER LINE. SHUT DOWN IS NOT POSSIBLE -SUPPLYING THE BOILERS TO HEAT SEVERAL CAMPUS BUILDINGS
- DETERMINE DAMAGE AND REPAIR NEEDS TO CAMPUS I.T.
   SYSTEM

### OBJECTIVES (cont.)...

- ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS WITH PROVIDE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY AND MEDIA REGARDING CONDITIONS
- ASSESS WHAT ACTIONS HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO RETURN ALL BUILDINGS AND SYSTEMS TO ACCEPTABLE LEVELS THAT WOULD ALLOW A RETURN TO "NORMAL" OPERATIONS
- INVESTIGATE AND ATTEMPT TO ACQUIRE A SUITABLE LOCATION AND ABILITY TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF INSTRUCTION OF COURSES THAT WERE DEPENDENT ON THE COOK HALL LABS (St. Lawrence University)
- DETERMINE HOW FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION
- DETERMINE CAUSE AND ORIGIN OF THE FIRE

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### **Briefing Meetings**

1030 and 1700 Daily

Begin with asking the SUNY Canton President (President Kennedy) to say a few words about today's progress.

Intro of all people at the table.

### Current Situation Breifing out

Fire Operations Branch (Dep Chf Swarthaut)

Investigations

Haz Mat (LEFT)

County Fire Coord/EM/Canton Fire Chief

### **Environmental Support/OGS**

Atlantic Testing Labs-taking samples sending to Wadsworth

Clean Harbors-does site cleanup BUT not asbestos

DOL/PESH/DOH/SUNY-Environment Health and Safety

### University Facilities (Mike McCormic)

Site Director

**SUNY Central Construction** 

OGS

### University Admin

VP Admin (Chris Gray)

PIC

Provost

HR

University Police Department

Albany Support (SUNY Central and SUNY Canton Lawyer) on phone

Ask President for comments

Next Briefing:

### DAILY BRIEFINGS AT 1030 & 1700 HOURS

- REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH AGENCY/ORGANIZATION PROVIDE:
  - > CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OPERATIONS
  - DISCUSS ANY ISSUES, CONCERNS OR PROBLEMS
  - > SET GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND DEADLINES



### ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES

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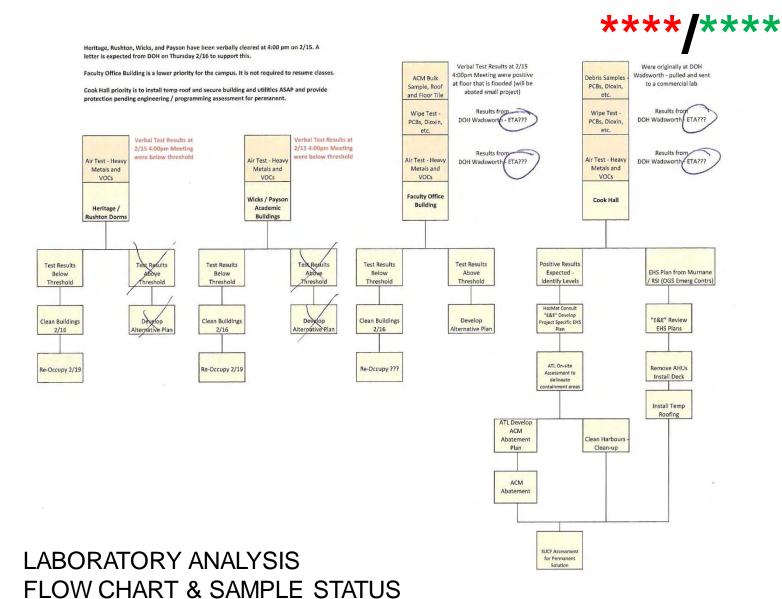
		Sample Status Ta	ible		
Location	Sample Type	Laboratory	Use of Results	Status	
Rushton Hall	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Reoccupy Building	Pending	
Heritage Hall	Air (VOC, Metals)	Wadsworth	Reoccupy Building	Pending	
Wickes Hall	Air (VOC, Metals)	Wadsworth	Reoccupy Building	Pending	
Payson Hall	Air (VOC, Metals)	Wadsworth	Reoccupy Building	Pending	
	Air (VOC, Metals)  Floor Wipes (Metals, PCB's, dioxins/furans)	Wadsworth Reoccupy Building		Pending	
FOB	Asbestos	Amerisci New York	Asbestos Assessment and Abatement	Results Received; Floor Tiles in Roon No. 120 only wate impacted materials determined to be Asbestos- Containing material (ACM)	
	Debris (Metals, PCB, dioxins, furans, cyanide)	Moved to NEA PACE (ATL)	Health and Safety Evaluation; Waste Characterization	Pending expected today except dioxins	
UP KARONIN ?	Charred Window Caulk and Glazing (dioxins/furans)		Indication of dioxin presence due to heat conversion of PCBs in caulk and glazing	Pending	
Cook Hall	Floor Wipes (Metals, PCB's, dioxins/furans)	Wadsworth	Health and Safety Evaluation Characterization		
United Stop	Roof (asbestos)		Placement of temporary cover on roof	Preliminary results received (negative), but	
				need TEM confirmation	
				analysis /	

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# ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES

SAMPLE STATUS REPORT



	<b>_</b> *	SITE SPECIFIC PLAN CH	TAPTER 1	3		*	
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1.0	MERGENCY RESPONSE REGU	LATED SUBSTANCE   TAN	K REMOVAL		RDOUS V	VORK	
1.0	SITE INFORMATION CLIENT: MURNANE BIA	Constance to la		2/12	112		
	CLIENT: MORANGE STATE	- CONTRICTORS / SUNY OF		-/10	/		
	JOB LOCATION: SUNY CA	NION COLLEGE	JOB #:		10-1		
	CLIENT CONTACT NAME:	beich hase	CHES LO	CATION:	123 V	00.01	
	CLIENT PHONE #: 518.561 ADDRESS: 104 Sharror	. 7010	_ CHES PH	ONE #: 315	.463.	9701	
	ADDRESS: 104 3 MACTON	HUE , PO BOX 3041	Plants	burgh,	NA 15	101	
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	Task-2: IMPAIRED INVE	stigation					
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	Task 4:						
	Task 5:					1	
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0	PHYSICAL HAZARDS						
	4.1 OPERATIONS / HAZARDS						
	TASK#	TASK#		TASK#			
	Abrasive Blasting (1)	— Excavator/Backhoe (1)		Power to	ols (1)		
	Abrasive wheels/tools (1)	—— Falling Objects (1)		Pumpout			
	Air Compressor (1) Bobcat Loader (1)	Flammable/Comb liquid	transfer (3)	Rigging	(1)		
	Boom Maintenance	Floor holes (1)		Runoff			
	Bucketing	Handtools (1) Heatstress (3)		- Sharp Ot	ojects (1)		
	Chainsaw (1)	— Hotsy (1)	Scarify Slips/Trips/Falls (1)				
	Coldstress (3)	— Hotwork (3)		Shovel/S	queegee		
-	Compressed gas cylinders	— Housekeeping (1)		— Track Cleaning (3)			
	Container sampling	—— Inerting Spaces (1)	The Agent	Vactor/C			
	Cranes (1) Drains and sumps	Lighting (1)		Vacuum	Truck (1)		
	Drum Handling (3)	— Line Opening		— Vehicular traffic (1) — Water Blaster (3)			
	Elevated work	Load Rolloff Manual Lifting (3)		Water Bl	aster (3)	(2)	
	Aerial lifts (1,3)	Neutralization		Work on/	Cutting, Bu	(2)	
	Scaffolds (1,2,3)	Noise (1,3)		Unknown	Materials	(3)	
	Fall Protection/Arrest (1,3)	Overhead Lines (1)		-X Other Co	9/0	the	
	Ladders (1)	—— Pneumatic Hammers (1)					
	Electrical Equipment (1,3)	Pressure Washer					
	Excavations (3) 1-Physical Hazard Data Sheet	Pressurized Container (3)					
	1-1 Hysicai Hazard Data Sheet	2- Checklist			3-Progra	m	
	4.2 HAZARD CONTROL						
	SEE PHYSICAL HAZARD DATA SH	EETS, CHECKLISTS, AND PRO	OGRAMS IDE	NTIFIED ARC	OVE		
	Area Taped Off:	Daily Inspection Checklist		gout Permit		f/amalasa mada isasa	
	Begulated Area sign posted	Electrical Equipment:	Line Openi			f/enclose work area g area designated	
	Work signs posted	Explosion proof (Appr. Classif)	Pressure		Treatme	ent Permit	
	Bond and Ground (3)	GFCI	Drained		Unknow	ns-Consult H&S	
	Customer Safety Requirements	Low Voltage isolation trans.	Bleeder (	Open	Vactor/	Cusco:	
	copy obtained, reviewed	Generator grounded	Washed	10	Safety	Tee/Remote shut	
	Drains and low area protected	Elevated Work:	Steamed		✓ Vapor C	Control	
	Dust Control (Wet mist, Other)Excavation;	Harness/ Lanyard	Purged N		Vehicle		
	Excavation: Digsafe obtained	Fall ArrestFall Prevention	Non-condu		Reflec	ctive vests	
	Competent Person on Site	Fire Permit	Non-sparki	ng 1001s Jtilities/Piping:	TOTAL	ng Signs	
	Sloping/shoring options followed	Hot Work Permit	Mr	10I	Traffic Police	Detail	
	Water Acc. Controlled	Ignition Sources Eliminated	Line shie	lded/deenergize	ronce		
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# MURANE BUILDING CONTRACTORS

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN CHECKLIST** 

2.
Scaffold Fall Protection
Pager: <b>5/8. 365.673</b> Pager: <b>2/5.534.1017</b> Pager: <b>260.982.419</b>
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I have read and understand the contents of this plan. I have current CHI 40/8-Hour Training and have completed Regulated Substance

Training for the substances identified above, if applicable.

## MURANE BUILDING CONTRACTORS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN CHECKLIST-CONTINUED

### AAR HIGHLIGHTS... \*\*\*

- **\*THE "GOOD"**
- COOPERATION, COMMUNICATION, COORDINATION
  - ❖INITIAL SPONTANEOUS EFFORT WAS PRETTY GOOD, BUT "IMPROVED WITH AGE"
  - TWICE DAILY BRIEFINGS HELPED SIGNIFICANTLY "SITUATIONAL AWARENESS" AND A "COMMON OPERATING PICTURE"
  - PROMOTED COOPERATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING
- NO INJURIES OR FATALITIES
- \*EARLY ACTIVATION OF SUNY CANTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM
- EARLY DECISION TO SEND STUDENTS HOME AND CANCEL CLASSES FOR A WEEK
- ESTABLISHMENT OF AN "EOC" IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING
- THE "GAUNTLET WAS THROWN DOWN"... THE STUDENTS ARE RETURNING A WEEK FROM MONDAY

### AAR HIGHLIGHTS... \*\*\*

- **♦**THE "BAD"
- COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN EOC AND WADSWORTH
  - \*LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR WHAT HAD TO BE DONE AND HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE
    - \*FOR EHS PLAN(S), SAMPLING AND RESULTS
  - TOOK TOO LONG TO RESOLVE ISSUES WITH WADSWORTH
  - **\*LATE START ON PRODUCTION/CIRCULATION OF IAP**
  - **\***LATE DEVELOPMENT OF A "PROCESS" FLOW CHART
  - NUMEROUS PICTURES BEGIN APPEARING ON THE INTERNET OF THE FIRE, TAKEN BY FIRE FIGHTERS\*\*\*

### AAR HIGHLIGHTS... \*\*\*

### **THE "UGLY"**

- \*LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR WHAT WADSWORTH CAN AND CAN'T DO, AND MAYBE WILLOR WON'T DO
- SIGNIFICANT LACK OF UNDERSTANDING LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS NEEDED JUST TO DO THE WORK

### LESSONS LEARNED...

- THE MIDDLE OF A DISASTER, IS NOT THE TIME TO BE EXCHANGING BUSINESS CARDS...
  - ▶ "PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH"
- > "YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW"
- > PRIVATE SECTOR VS. PUBLIC SECTOR DISCONNECT
- > LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS
- ► EMs, WORK WITH YOUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY
- DON'T ASSUME ALWAYS COMMUNICATE!!!